

"and subsequently of Ontario. For his labors in this
 "latter work it may be mentioned that he was present-
 "ed with a gold medal by the Government of Ontario.
 "His literary labours and the many important and
 "official positions he has held have not prevented him
 "from undertaking other onerous duties to which the
 "voice of his fellow-citizens called him, and in the dis-
 "charge of which he has displayed the highest
 "qualities of a good citizen and of an earnest catholic
 "Christian. He has acted for more than thirty years as
 "Chairman of the High School Board of the County of
 "Simcoe, has aided to the uttermost of his ability every
 "good cause, and has endeared himself to his colleagues
 "and the public by varied abilities, untiring industry,
 "and sterling character."

There is ample material upon which to enlarge, but
 the writer has gone over, however imperfectly, the
 ground to which he limited himself. If he has not referred
 to all points of interest in Judge Gowan's career,
 or made mention of all the appointments he held and
 public services rendered, it is because the design of this
 paper was not to give an exhaustive account, but to
 show in convenient form the addresses and proceedings
 in connection with the Judge's retirement and to make
 such selection from other published matter as might
 serve to prove that the Bar and others who addressed
 him had, in what they said, overdrawn nothing.

The writer trusts he has succeeded in his purpose;
 and this paper is to him a small but heartfelt tribute of
 respect and veneration for "the old judge," whom he,
 as a child, has known—as a school boy at the Barrie
 Grammar School—as a law student and later as

A MEMBER OF THE ONTARIO BAR.

BARRIE, August, 1884.