

of the Empire, has just given judgment, reversing the judgment of the Courts below, and ordering the tombstone to be erected. Thus after a long fight common-sense has triumphed over narrowness and bigotry, and the decision of the highest judicial body in the Kingdom is in accordance with the free and enlightened spirit of the English people. The word "Reverend" is declared to be no official distinction but a mere laudatory *epithet*; and therefore is not to be treated as a *title* which belongs exclusively to any particular class.

A little snow has come at last, and those who have work to do in the woods are rejoicing; but they rejoice with trembling, for some who have a theory that each winter has just about so much snow, have predicted that as much snow is to fall within the next four or five weeks as usually falls during the whole winter; and in that case it is felt that we would have too much of a good thing. But the cause of anxiety with others is the very opposite of this. Because our snow storms this winter have, as a rule, ended in rain, it is feared that the same thing will occur in the present instance. Personally, we are not disposed to borrow trouble, believing that it is time enough to cross a bridge when we come to it remembering, too, that infinite Wisdom has said, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," we are disposed to wait the developments of time. The soft weather has no doubt been an inconvenience and loss to some; but we fully believe it has been a boon to a far greater number. Indeed it is difficult to see what many of our suffering poor would have done, especially in our large towns and cities, if winter had come to them with as stern a visage as it ordinarily comes. But whether we realize it or not, our Heavenly Father careth for these poor people, and it is not beneath Him to temper the air so as to adapt it to their suffering condition.

The handsome retiring allowance which has been given to Dr. Ryerson, so far as we can learn, meets with general approval. It is felt on all hands that anything that can be done for him in this way is only an imperfect acknowledgment of the invaluable service which he has rendered to this country. What St. Paul's Cathedral in London is to Sir Christopher Wren, the common school system of Ontario is to Dr. Ryerson. He has built his own monument; his works praise him; and when the history of Canada becomes ancient history, his name will not be forgotten or his noble and patriotic work be permitted to pass from the memory of men. May the evening of his days be peaceful and happy, and may he long live to enjoy the comfort of dignified retirement.

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