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DR. GOLDWIN SMITH'S "CHRISTIANITY'S MILL-  
STONE."

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**D**R. GOLDWIN SMITH is one of Canada's most striking personalities. However cavalierly at times her press and her associations may treat him, Toronto never ceases congratulating herself upon the possession of one whom the most cultured English society recognizes as a prominent man of the age. A master of modern history, of the English language, and of all that may embellish it from the literatures of other lands and ages, we recognize him as an authority, and, deferentially dropping the titles "professor" and "doctor," call him simply Goldwin Smith, just as we speak of Macauley and Disraeli, of Carlyle and Gladstone. Those who really know anything about Goldwin Smith in public act or in personal character, besides doing homage to his great intellectual ability, his extensive and thorough literary culture, and his polished style, also recognize with admiration his manly independence, his large benevolence, his genial hospitality, and his unfailing courtesy. It says a great deal for any man who has lived from twenty to thirty years under the public and private gaze of his fellows, when the voices of the best of them are emphatically raised in his favor; how much more in the case of Goldwin Smith, whose political views regarding the future of the land of his adoption are in direct antagonism to those of her best and most patriotic sons.

It does not follow that Goldwin Smith's political views are wrong because public opinion is opposed to them, since public opinion, varying with the community and the age, is but a crude product ever standing in need of the moulding influence of master minds. The general who surveys the whole field of battle from his lofty éminence, sees it quite differently from the simple captain who leads his company through the smoke and din of action; and, could that general, with a swift-moving, mighty hand, pick up battalions, batteries and squadrons, as chess-men are shifted, and hurl