

himself the honor, the interests, the education and public spirit of the constituency. I think you will all agree that some of our selections of to-day do not profit by comparison with selections made in olden times, whence comes, among others, the venerated name of SIR WILLIAM YOUNG, floating down the breezes of happy memory.

How are we to choose our representatives? That is particularly your business, and I shall only venture to suggest a few of the prominent qualities essential to the fit representative of enlightened people like ourselves.

Firstly, then—He must be an honest man—"the noblest work of God."

Secondly—He must be an educated man of good abilities.

Thirdly—He should be, when possible, a man well acquainted with the people and various interests of the County.

Fourthly—He should be a man of strong intellectual force, and of a high order of talent and industry.

Fifthly—He must have some settled, definite views of politics of a progressive tendency, that can be understood and defended.

Sixthly.—He need not, perhaps, in all cases, necessarily be a Lawyer. There are some clouded, melancholy instances, in which that qualification is dispensed with. *Cui bono?*

People will sometimes run away with the lop-sided notion, that, having nominated their candidate, all the efforts they make to elect him are a purely personal favor to him. To a certain extent this is true; but it is true in a qualified sense. If the man we support is "the right man in the right place," he does as much favor to us by accepting the position as we do to him by permitting and helping him to take it. We must have a higher and a dearer aim in dispensing the suffrage, than the mere personal gratification of the candidate, no matter who he be. Our own good, and the good of the country, should have first place in our minds.

You will hear some people saying that they cannot support such and such a man because his party is out, or going out. That is nonsense. A good man is always worth his face, whether his lot happens to be cast with the dominant or defeated party.