

this village and vicinity. Those in difficulty of any kind, found in him a friend ever ready to sympathize, advise, or render pecuniary assistance, as might be required.

He was an ardent upholder of British institutions, and of the maintenance of the connection between Canada and the Mother Country. Mr Dallas was a contributor to several newspapers—more frequently since the establishment of a paper in Orillia, to the local press. Almost from the first issue of the original *Orillia Expositor* to the time of his last illness, the productions of his pen have continued to appear with more or less regularity. In the early days of the local paper in Orillia, when we had little or no experience in publishing, the editor found in him a wise counsellor and willing helper.

VIII. Miscellaneous.

1. THE OLD PROFESSOR.

BY THE LATE FRED. W. LORING.

The old professor taught no more,
But lingers round the college walks ;
Stories of him we boys told o'er,
Before the fire, in evening talks.
I'll ne'er forget how he came in
To recitation, one March night,
And asked our tutor to begin
"And let me hear these boys recite."
As we passed out, we heard him say,
"Pray leave me hear awhile alone,
Here in my old place let me stay,
Just as I did in years long flown."
Our tutor smiled, and bowed consent,
Rose courteous from his high-backed chair,
And down the darkening stairs he went,
Leaving the old professor there.

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From out the shadows, faces seemed
To look upon him in his old place,
Fresh faces that with radiance beamed—
Radiance of boyish hope and grace ;
And faces that had lost their youth,
Although in years they still were young,
And faces o'er whose love and truth
The funeral anthem had been sung.

"These are my boys," he murmured then,
"My boys, as in the years long past :
Though some are angels, others men,
Still as my boys I hold them fast.
There's one don't know his lessons now,
That one of me is making fun,
And that one's cheating ;—ah ! I see—
I see and love them every one.

"And is it then so long ago
This chapter in my life was told ?
Did all of them thus come and go,
And have I really grown so old ?
No ! here are my old pains and joys,
My book once more is in my hand,
Once more I hear these very boys
And seek their hearts to understand."

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They found him there with open book,
And eyes closed with a calm content ;
The same old sweetness in his look
That used to be when fellows went
To ask him questions and to talk,
When recitations were all o'er ;—
We saw him in the college walk
And in his former place no more.

2. THE NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ESTIMATE OF THE DOMINION.

At the Banquet given in his honour in Belfast the new Governor-General, Lord Dufferin, spoke as follows :—"There is one function of my great office which will prove a labour of love, and to the discharge of which I know I shall not be unequal, that which will consist in presenting myself to our fellow-subjects across the Atlantic as the embodiment and representative of that kind of feeling—of that deep sympathy—(hear, hear—) of that ceaseless and indestructible pride and affection with which all classes and all parties in this country regard the inhabitants of our great Dominion.—(Cheers.) Ladies and Gentlemen, you are, of course, aware that the Govern-

ment of Canada is strictly constitutional—(hear, hear)—that it reflects in all respects the institutions of this country, and that this resemblance is maintained not merely by the outward form of its machinery, but what is of far greater importance, by that spirit of dignified, moderate, and sagacious statemanship which inspires the conduct of these distinguished men who have successively administered her affairs and directed the council of her legislation.—(Cheers.) Why, the mere creation of the Dominion, the union of the provinces, the concentration of power in the hands of an Imperial Parliament, whose jurisdiction now extends from ocean to ocean, is itself a proof of the patriotism, of the ability, and of the organizing power of the Canadian people.—(Hear, hear.) It is not to be supposed but that many local interests, prejudices, and traditions must have imagined themselves compromised by the absorption of the local legislature into the bosom of the mightier body ; but not only have the wisest counsels on the subject been permitted to prevail, and all minor jealousies been obliterated, but even those who most vehemently opposed the arrangement, when once the controversy was concluded have acquiesced in the settlement, and with a loyal and generous patriotism have done their very best to render nugatory their own misgivings, and to make the system they at one time found it necessary to oppose, work to the best possible advantage.—(Cheers.) Ladies and Gentlemen, who can now doubt the constructive power, the statesmanlike instincts, and the vitality of the future of a community whose Parliament and whose statesmen can already boast of such notable achievements in the art of government ? —(Hear, hear.) But, Ladies and Gentlemen, to be the interpreter of the good-will of the people of Great Britain towards the inhabitants of Canada is not the only congenial duty imposed upon me by my office. There is another of an analogous kind, which it will give me hardly less pleasure to discharge. Side by side with the Dominion of Canada, along a frontier of more than 2,000 miles, extends the territory of a kindred race—(hear, hear)—who are working out their great destiny under institutions which, though differing in some of their outward respects from our own, have been elaborated under the inspiration of that same love of freedom which characterizes the English-speaking race—(cheers)—that reverence for law—that sober, practical statemanship—(hear, hear)—that capacity of self-discipline—(hear, hear)—which characterize the English-speaking race.—(Cheers.) As the chief of the executive of Canada, and the representative of the British Crown, as the servant and spokesman of the British people, it will be my agreeable duty to exhibit on all occasions whatever of hospitality, courtesy, and friendliness to the citizens of the United States may most accurately exhibit genuine sympathy and good-will felt by this country for America, which, in spite of any momentary and superficial disputes that may trouble the outward surface of their amity, descends too deep down into the hearts of both peoples ever to be really shaken or disturbed. (Cheers.) It has been my good fortune to know a great number of distinguished Americans ; some of my dearest friends are natives of the States, and not the least of the pleasant anticipations which await me is the prospect of acquiring a better knowledge and becoming more intimately acquainted with the social and political organization of that great and prosperous nation. (Great applause.) But of course the most constant and absorbing duty of every one connected with the Government of Canada, and one not less agreeable than those to which I have alluded, will be that of fostering and advancing the development of the latent wealth and the enormous material resources of the vast territory comprised within my jurisdiction. Few people in this country have any notion how blessed by nature is the Canadian soil. (Hear, hear.) The beauty, majesty and material importance of the Gulf of St. Lawrence is the theme of every traveller, while the stupendous chain of lakes to which it is the outlet is well known to afford a system of inland navigation such as is to be found in no other part of the habitable globe. The inexhaustible harvest of its seas, annually gathered by its hardy maritime population, the innumerable treasures of its forest, are known to all ; but what is not so generally understood is that beyond the inhabited regions of the country, beyond the towns, the lakes, the woods, there stretches out an enormous breadth of rich alluvial soil, comprising an area of thousands of square miles, so level, so fertile, so ripe for cultivation, so profusely watered and intersected by enormous navigable rivers, with so exceptionally mild a climate, as to be destined at no distant time to be occupied by millions of our prosperous fellow-subjects, and to become a central granary for the adjoining continents. (Cheers.) Such a theme as this may well fire the most sluggish imagination, nor can there be conceived a greater privilege than that of being permitted to watch the development of an industry and civilization fraught with such universal advantage to the human race. (Cheers.) In fact, ladies and gentlemen, it may be doubted whether the inhabitants of the Dominion themselves are as yet fully awake to the magnificent destiny in store for them