

of his model compelled him to assume anulagous facts, or, at any rate, to colour the real facts by the vehemence of his language. Does that excuse Mr. Fraser, who must surely be possessed of some literary discernment, for ignoring, even in the heat of debate, the highly rhetorical and strained nature of the words used, and basing on such obvious rhetoric a portion of his rather virulent abuse?

If Mr. Robertson will allow an old friend and classmate to modify his (Mr. R.'s) criticism, I should say that what classical men want is a little

more *esprit de corps*, a little more self-confidence and self-respect, and a little less slavish imitation of Modern Language ideals and Modern Language methods. My criticism of Mr. Robertson's utterances is undoubtedly late, but I did not take them seriously at first, and have been forced to a serious consideration only by Mr. Fraser's clever but inexcusable misinterpretation.

I am, sir, yours, etc.,

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

CANADA'S servant, the Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, died at his house, Earnscliffe, Ottawa, at 10.15 p.m., on the 6th of June, 1891. After he had served his own generation by the will of God, he fell on sleep.

He is down and forever the good fight is ended,

In deep-dented harness our champion has died.

But tears should be few in a sunset so splendid,

And grief hath her wail at the bidding of pride.

He falls, but unvanquished he falls in his glory.

A noble old king on the last of his fields;

And with death song we come like the northmen of story,

And haughtily bear him away on our shields.

THE Annual Announcement of McGill University appears in our advertising pages this month, and also the announcements of the Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto and of Trinity Medical College. We beg to direct the attention of our readers to these important announcements.

MR. W. G. SHEPHERD.—A serious loss has been sustained by the educational institutions of the city of St. Thomas in the recent death of Mr. W. G. Shepherd, Principal of the Collegiate Institute and Public Schools. Mr. Shepherd had taught for ten years in the Institute, and had been Principal for one year, having been appointed on the retirement of Mr. John Millar, now Deputy-Minister of education. Mr. Shepherd was quiet, unobtrusive in manner, zealous, earnest and conscientious in the discharge of duty and always kind to those with whom he came in contact. He will long be held in affectionate remembrance by those who knew him.

WE are indebted to the Secretary of the North Hastings Teachers' Association for an interesting account of the Annual Convention, held on May 21st and 22nd, and we regret that want of space prevents us from publishing it in full. The following are the officers for 1891: President, Mr. Wm. Mackintosh; 1st Vice-Pres., Mr. Jos. Reid, M.A., LL.B.; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mr. D. Sager; Rec. Sec., Mr. P. Smith.