

### A CONSTITUENCY THAT SHOULD BE WELL REPRESENTED.

Ontario air is charged with politics. We hear and read every day about conventions and candidates and big demonstrations and long speeches and the Protestant horse and many other things political. The excitement will increase and intensify until the evening of the 28th, when there will be a tremendous explosion, followed by some sore heads on the morning of the 29th. It is all right. The franchise is an educator and the people are being educated. The country must be governed in some way. Ballots are better than bullets. A dull speech is better than a sharp bayonet. There are not many animals in America more unsavoury than the Protestant horse, but still most people would rather be kicked by the Protestant horse than be run over by a squadron of dragoons. On the whole, it is not so trying to the constitution to be humbugged as to be shot. People who are ruled by force would gladly adopt our system of government, if they got a chance. A score of nations would trade their tyrants for Sir John and Mowat. We won't trade. We know our own men. The county must be governed in some way, and our people prefer ballots to bullets in matters of government.

There is one large and important constituency, about which we see nothing in the public journals. We mean the constituency of *Heartville*. This is a most important constituency and returns many representatives. Candidates are running in *Heartville* all the time. There is a general election going on in this constituency all the year round. Some of the candidates are bad men. The bad ones sometimes get elected by a large majority. Quite frequently they are elected by acclamation. The political papers pay very little attention to this constituency of *Heartville*. They give the names of the candidates that are running in other constituencies, and tell us whom we ought to vote for, but they say nothing about *Heartville*. We propose to supply this omission, and furnish our readers with a list of some of the good and bad candidates that are contesting *Heartville*. Let us begin with the bad ones.

Mr. Selfishness is a bad candidate. He is a strong man and has carried the constituency many a time. He has beaten Mr. Self-denial and Mr. Self-sacrifice by tremendous majorities in many contests. In fact, Mr. Selfishness is by all odds the strongest candidate that ever contested *Heartville*. If you beat him in the North Riding he runs for the South; defeat him in the South, and he immediately starts for the East or West. Drive him out of these Ridings, and he sets up in the Centre. In fact, he prefers the Centre Riding to any other. When Mr. Selfishness gets a firm hold on the Centre Riding he governs the

whole constituency. It is almost impossible to make him let go his hold. Even the Protestant horse could not drag him off. It is as hard to drive Mr. Selfishness out of *Heartville*, as it would be to drive Mr. Mowat out of North Oxford. Most earnestly do we counsel all our readers to vote against Mr. Selfishness. Hustle him out of the constituency to the tune of the Rogues' March.

Mr. Avarice is also a bad candidate. He runs for the *Heartville* constituency, simply that he may make money out of his seat. He, too, is a strong candidate in some divisions of *Heartville*. He is as fond of "boodle" as a New York alderman. The electors of *Heartville* would do well to vote against Mr. Avarice. He is a bad man, and not to be trusted.

Mr. Bitterness is one of the worst candidates that ever stood for *Heartville*. If he gets a firm hold on the Centre Riding of the constituency, the whole county may dissolve into vinegar. There can never be any peace in *Heartville* if Mr. Bitterness represents it; therefore, every peace-loving man in the constituency should vote against Mr. Bitterness.

There are several other bad candidates who stand for *Heartville* quite frequently, such as Mr. Suspicion, Mr. Malice, Mr. Revenge, Mr. Spite, Mr. Mean, Mr. Vanity, Mr. Conceit, Mr. Vainglory and others, whose names and characters are quite well known to all the readers of the Good Book. We have no space to pay our respects to these gentlemen; but we ask the electors of *Heartville* to canvass and vote against each one of them with all the vigour they can put into the election.

Let us now make a few notes on some of the candidates, that the electors of *Heartville* should support.

Mr. Liberality is a good man. When he represents *Heartville*, all good work flourishes. The poor are well cared for. Missions are supported, colleges endowed and Augmentation becomes augmented. If *Heartville* would return one or two hundred candidates like Mr. Liberality, even the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund might prosper. Most cordially do we commend Mr. Liberality to the electors of *Heartville*. Vote for him, gentlemen, and place him at the head of the poll.

Mr. Kindness ought to be returned by a large majority. He is a good man and makes a capital representative. If we had more men like Mr. Kindness representing *Heartville*, this world would be a much better place to live in.

Mr. Self-denial would make a good member, but he never runs well. He never was popular in some divisions of *Heartville*. Hardly any body says a word in his favour except preachers. It must, we fear, be confessed that many parts of the *Heartville* constituency are not sufficiently educated yet to elect Mr. Self-denial.

Mr. Self-sacrifice is a good man, but, like Mr. Self-