

docility of a child. Being an extremely modest man he made no display of his religious views or feelings, but the principles of the Gospel regulated every department of his life. He shrunk so much from publicity that though the author of the two Geographies now in use in the schools, the publisher of those books, Mr. Lovell, of Montreal, and a few other friends, could not prevail upon him to permit his name to appear on their title pages. He was an indefatigable worker, for—besides the thorough discharge of his official duties—he prepared the School Geographies referred to, and performed several extra duties for the Educational Department, such as the organizing of public school sections in the Districts of Algoma and Parry Sound, and within the past year the preparation of the School Readers in connection with Messrs. Bryant and Embree. The toil of the last undertaking told so severely on his exhausted constitution that a cold in a few days developed into a pernicious typhoid fever of which he died in less than a week. It is worthy of notice here that during his last sickness, when he wandered a good deal, he did not utter a discontented or coarse word. Though his speech was often incoherent, it was always pure, cheerful, and friendly. This fact shows the elevated tone of his mind during his life. The writer of this sketch had the privilege of his intimate friendship for years, but never heard him utter a frivolous word, even when enjoying the pleasures of free conversation in private. When he uttered a joke it was instructive.

As a Public School Inspector it would be hard for any man to be more respected and beloved than he was; in him firmness and gentleness were so well combined that he successfully prevailed on trustees to provide comfortable accommodation for the children,

and secured well qualified teachers for the County. While strict in the discharge of his duties, he was honourable and judicious, and therefore full confidence was reposed in his integrity. The Principal of Acton Public School says:—"During my acquaintance with Mr. Little, he discharged, as an Inspector, most thoroughly, exactly, and conscientiously his duty, attending to every department of the work most minutely. In his intercourse with the teachers he was always gentlemanly in his deportment, and ever ready to give advice in the kindest manner. During the six years I enjoyed the pleasure of his Inspectorship, I have never heard him utter one unkind word, but always found him the true friend of the teacher and of the educational interests of the community."

Of Mr. Little's success as a teacher there can be no better evidence than the number of gentlemen who were once his pupils, and now occupy positions of honour and usefulness as clergymen, physicians, and lawyers. It should not be omitted that he taught a daily Bible lesson in school. He was not satisfied with reading a few verses himself; but made the scholars read and then, by a few judicious questions, showed the meaning and practical bearing of the passage. If teachers love the word of God it is not at all likely that they experience any difficulty in carrying out the same method that Mr. Little pursued; for the inhabitants of Ontario are a religious people, and appreciate Scripture instruction.

He was remarkably disinterested, for over and above his official duties, he laboured in the cause of education in various ways without any expectations of pecuniary advantage. For the Geographies he received no remuneration, he made no stipulation with the Education Department for his last literary labours, nor did all he