

For fully half a century he was a close observer of meteorological phenomena, and as many of his notes were made daily for a long time before the establishment of an observatory in this city, they form a valuable record. The late Henry G. Vennor made a very liberal use of these notes in his study of Canadian weather.

The public school system of Ontario had no warmer friend than he. About 1841, when trustees were first appointed by government, those who were selected for St. Lawrence ward were Dr. Joseph Workman, Dr. Widmer, and Mr. Wm. Cawthra. He took a very active part in the establishment and management of the pioneer schools, and remained in office until the trustees were made elective, when he became the first chairman of the Toronto Board, a position he held for three or four years, and it is worthy of note that, from the outset, he fought vigorously against all attempts on the part of a good many influential rate-payers to introduce religious teaching, claiming as he did that such a course would inevitably lead to a general demand for sectarian schools.

Dr. Workman had his full share of professional honors, and few men deserved them better. He was president of the Medical Association of Canada, of the Ontario Medical Association (of which he was one of the founders), and for several years he presided over the Medical Society of Toronto, in whose rooms there hangs a fine oil-painted portrait of the doctor, a tribute to his worth, from a few of his friends.

He was an honorary member of the Italian Societa Freniatria, and of other similar bodies in various European countries, but the highest possible acknowledgement was paid to his professional attainments when he was elected to an honorary membership in the Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain, an honor which no one in America, and few anywhere else out of Britain had received at that time.

As a man it may be truly said of him in the words of his countryman, Goldsmith, that "even his failings leaned to virtue's side." He was very fond of children, and took