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Of late years the President's address at the annual meeting of the Teachers' Association of Ontario, occupies a place of considerable interest and importance in the proceedings. This year, owing to its very practical character, more than the usual importance attaches to the annual address. Mr. Goldwin Smith, who on account of his great literary reputation has been considered, and justly too, quite an acquisition to the intellectual productiveness of Canada has now, for two years consecutively, occupied the honorable position of President. In his *annual message* to the teachers this year, he undertakes to discuss matters of more than ordinary interest. To his remarks on many points we give our cordial approval, although his views on some other matters connected with our educational institutions we do not believe by any means to be orthodox.

The propriety of throwing open the meetings of the Council of Public Instruction to reporters, has been repeatedly alluded to in our columns. We observe, what we would not expect from Mr. Goldwin Smith, that

he favors their exclusion. The following is his argument in full as reported in the Toronto papers:—

“There was one change which many still desired, that was that the meetings should be public, and that reporters should be admitted. He believed he could speak upon that question with perfect impartiality, though some people seemed to think that he had some motive in excluding reporters, and keeping the meetings private. He could have no such motive. This was his last year of office, and besides if he did not choose to speak before reporters, one had always the refuge of being silent. But he thought, the question required very considerable deliberation before they proceeded to take the step which was proposed. This Council was not administering public moneys. They had no special reason for keeping a very sharp or vigilant eye upon it. What it was wanted to do was to transact current business, and to make regulations which required, for the most part, minute consideration rather than great speeches like those which were made in