

A PLEA FOR A COSMOPOLITAN NEWSPAPER AND THE ABOLITION OF PARTY.

Major W. T. Tassie's Reply to the Toast to the
Memory of Dr. Tassie, formerly Principal of Galt
Collegiate Institute, at its Semi-Centennial, 18th
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If I had no other duty before me than to express my gratification at the manner in which the old scholars of the Collegiate Institute have exhibited their loyalty to its traditions, to the present and former masters, and to the memory of Dr. Tassie, I should merely have to perform a service that might very properly devolve upon any of you, and yet it would be as presumptuous for me not to acknowledge my inability, compared with any of you, to do justice to this toast, as it would be ungracious in me not to recognize your loyalty to the memory of Dr. Tassie in proposing it, and your extreme courtesy to myself in associating my name with it. But, while I desire to thank you most sincerely and heartily for thus honouring the memory of Dr. Tassie, I feel in a measure precluded from passing any eulogy upon him by reason of my relationship to him. Nevertheless, if in touching on the vocation he followed and its associations, and in presenting a plea for a Great Cosmopolitan Newspaper as the educational need of the world, a thought should escape me, the germ of which was sown by my kinsman and teacher years ago, let it be received as an unpremeditated tribute to him, for I am well assured in my own mind that such a thought will be a worthy one. As the son of Dædalus handled the wax and the feathers not knowing that they were for his future flight, so we as boys pursued studies here not knowing their future significance. But we must now acknowledge that we were taught by the high standards of all of our teachers that the objects of education are to reach rational conditions of life and to set up some standard for ourselves. That is its object with us as it was with the ancients. Greece borrowed ideas from the different mythologies of her colonies which culminated in different philosophies intended to be the standards of life and the bonds of society, as Britain is borrowing ideas from her colonies to-day with a view to Imperial Federation, and it is worth while remembering that the early teachers of the world placed humanity under obligations centuries before the Christian Church, which founded the monas-