

REFORM COMMITTEE.

ing and influential Reformers are not going to desert their principles in a day, merely to please those who are now trying to curry favor with them simply to secure their votes.

But this is aside from the charge that we have made a personal attack on the Conservative candidates. We think that we have shown clearly enough that we have only exercised the right which belongs to every public journalist to discuss the merits or demerits of two public men. The fact is, the *Advertiser* does not seem to know the difference between fair argument and personal abuse. It has so long practised the latter mode of dealing with public men, and even with private individuals, that it cannot now distinguish which is right or which is wrong. Has it not for years past picked up every dirty, little story floating about the streets, and given it publicity? Has it not gathered all the scandal of the town, as a scavenger does so much garbage, and then laid bare the whole to the public eye? Has it not even in some cases invaded the sanctities of private life, and regardless of honor and feeling meddled with matters which in no way concerned it. Did it not a few weeks ago use the most insulting and opprobrious epithets to our public men—as for instance calling one of them a monkey! And yet, forsooth, it will prate about personalities, and lecture us because we discuss the claims and capabilities of two gentlemen to hold public positions.—If they cannot stand comparison with their opponents, the sooner their friends withdraw their names the better, for assuredly before this contest is over they will be subjected to such criticism as they never underwent before. But while doing so, we shall be careful to avoid all personalities for there is sufficient ground to work on without having recourse to such favorite weapons as the *Advertiser* delights to employ.

A CONVERT.—The *Whitby Chronicle* says that the Mayor of that town, Mr. Robert John Gunn, has declared his intention to support Hon. Mr. Brown, in the coming contest for the representation of South Ontario. Dr. Gunn is a life-long liberal Conservative, who takes a long look into the political situation—future as well as present. He very properly regards with apprehension the dangerous monopolies of the Bank of Montreal, and the Grand Trunk Railway, and the extension of the influence of the latter to the Intercolonial line. Those great powers in the state he wisely foresees would be dangerous to the rights and interests—namely, the very liberties of the people. Those powers in the state, compared with the powers that be, as at present constituted, and it does not take even the sagacity of our proverbially sagacious townsman, the Mayor of Whitby, to perceive that a millstone would be placed around the neck of Ontario, that would strangle it out of existence, as a Province of the new Dominion. Mr. Gibbs, course on Mr. Galt's monstrous banking scheme might of itself be sufficient to arouse the suspicions of a prudent public man like Dr. Gunn, and very likely had its weight in influencing his opinion, in favor of Mr. Brown.

**The Canvas in South Brant.**

The special correspondent of the *Hamilton Times* writes:—On Thursday evening Messrs Leeming and Biggar addressed a large meeting of the electors of South Brant at Bensville, on the Governor's road. Mr. Wood had resorted to the trick of calling a meeting at the same place and time. His agent managed to get the right to a room in a hotel, and Messrs Leeming and Biggar, in consequence, procured the use of a barn, in which the Reformers could meet. The building, though very large, was crowded to repletion, while Mr Wood could not muster supporters enough to go on with his meeting at the hotel. He, with his beggarly half dozen, therefore, proceeded to the meeting of Messrs Leeming and Biggar, at which there were at least 300 persons present. Mr Leeming delivered a most eloquent address, which was received with unbounded applause. Mr Wood followed, but could make no impression whatever. He was unable to elicit a single cheer or the slightest symptom of approbation. Mr Wood's own friends, the Conservatives, are now beginning to abandon all hope of success.

**Upper Canada Teachers' Association.**

At the annual meeting of this Association in Toronto the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. William McCabe, L.L.B. Principal of united grammar and common school, Oshawa; 1st vice-president, Mr. Robt. Alexander, Principal Newmarket school; 2d do., Mr. A. Macallum, M. A., Principal of Central school, Hamilton; 3d do., Mr. J. B. Dixon, M. A., Principal of grammar school, Colborne; 4th do., Mr. James Hodgson, Principal of grammar school, Weston; 5th do., Rev. G. Blair, M. A., Co. superintendent of schools, Durham county; 6th do., Mr. William Watson, superintendent of schools, York; Corresponding secretary, Mr. D. Ormiston, B. A., preparatory department, Victoria College; Recording secretary, Mr. A. McMurchy, B. A., Mathematical master, Toronto grammar school; Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Anderson, head master Park street school, Toronto; Councillors, E. T. Crowle, Ph.D., and Messrs Brown, Reazin, Harrison, Gillon, and Cameron.

**WANT OF FAITH.**—The *Ayr Herald* in its last issue thus describes its faith in Mr. Cowan:—"Let those Reformers who are now supporting Mr. Cowan with the idea that he is only, if elected, to give a fair trial to the Coalition, mark our words, viz: 'That if James Cowan is elected he will be found a firm supporter of the Government of Sir John A. Macdonald.' According to his own confession, he gave many bad votes while supporting the Coalition of 1864, in order that they might be kept in till Confederation was safe. He will repeat that conduct, until they have time to put the machinery into operation. We predict that Mr. Cowan will never again be found acting with the Reform party. He will follow in the wake of the Spences, Smiths and Morrisons, and others, who became the apostles of the first place, and afterwards

Bothwell.—Mr. David Glass has accepted the nomination for Bothwell, and he thinks that, as he has always been elected to any office that he sought, he will be victorious on this occasion also. Mr. Macdougall was present, and made a tremendously long speech, as it might be expected he

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