

of the Liberals, and he might have occupied a high place had it been possible to entice him from the profession in which he takes so much pride.

As a lawyer prominently before the public, his name has become a household word. That this is so is partly to be accounted for by his great force of character, a large fund of hard common sense, no small supply of that indescribable gift which goes by the name of personal magnetism, qualities which go to make up distinctive characteristics, which are such that all grades of intelligence can comprehend them. That the better mental attributes of humanity are distributed in such proportions in him as to form a well-balanced whole is, perhaps, the explanation of his own understanding of his fellow-men. Placidity, except upon occasions when calmness of temper would be out of place, such as in the cross-examination of an untruthful witness, or the denunciation of injustice, is one of his characteristics. This, with the absence of formality, and an easy, matter-of-fact and patient manner, will be readily recalled\* by those who have had occasion to consult him, rendering him one of the most accessible of men.

It is in *nisi prius* cases, both civil and criminal, that Mr. Osler's abilities shine most conspicuously. His success with juries, indeed, has been so remarkable that he may be fairly called the Scarlett of the Ontario Bar. With the exception, perhaps, of his late partner, the lamented D'Alton McCarthy, no one at the Bar was his equal as a skillful cross-examiner. In the conduct of his cases he is resourceful and wary, and in the art of marshalling facts he stands unrivalled. In these qualifications he brings back to the memory the days when John Hillyard Cameron and Henry Eccles were the admiration of a generation fast passing away. Mr. Osler's method of managing criminal prosecutions merits special notice, and has often called forth commendation of the highest character. He has always conceived and carried out in practice a just and humane idea of the function of the Crown prosecutor. This is attested by the aid afforded, under his instructions, to accused persons in enabling them to get their evidence together, and the arrangement of other preliminaries, and especially in his addresses to the jury, which, while presenting the facts with his accustomed force, are nevertheless marked by temperate language and delivery, and are eminently fair to the accused.

His long study and knowledge of human nature, his power of