

not been time and again advanced with at least equal force by men in the church and out of it, who were at least the peers of the premier of Ontario. One great defect in the publication under notice is that, while professing to furnish the "Evidences of Christianity," and necessarily mentioning many names, it makes no mention whatever of the Roman catholic church, which alone kept the "Evidences" before mankind for sixteen centuries; and, therefore, in the humble judgment of the present writer, there is about as much judicious procedure in publishing the "Evidences of Christianity" without any mention of the great historic christian church, as there would be in writing a criticism of "Macbeth," omitting all reference to the usurper of Duncan's crown.

In his domestic life, Mr. Mowat has been much more happy than in his essays at authorship. He went over to the great majority,—this allusion is not to be taken in its ordinary grave sense,—in the year 1846, when he married miss Jane Ewart, second daughter of the late John Ewart, Esq., of Toronto. Of six children born of this union, five survive, two sons and three daughters. Mrs. Mowat is a true gentlewoman and a sincere Christian, finding her greatest pleasure and her highest reward in the lifelong devotion which she has manifested to her husband, children, and home.

When I began this writing a few days ago, Sir John Macdonald lay at Earnsccliffe, touched by the finger of God and falling asleep after his long, bright day of glory. Now he is at rest in almost peace, with greatest honour. In another day or two all that is mortal of Canada's first minister will be followed to the grave not only by his nearest and dearest personal and political friends, but by all his political foes, who can boast of magnanimity and generous forgetfulness of public strife. By the side of that open grave there will stand few stauncher friends, few more honourable opponents, few better or greater men, and certainly no more successful statesman, than Oliver Mowat, to whom now is given from the heart this wish: *ad multos annos*.

JOHN FRANCIS WATERS.

Ottawa, June 8th, 1891.

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EDITORIAL NOTE.—On the 24th of May last, 1892, the Hon. Oliver Mowat had the honour of being made a Knight Commander of the most distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.