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Comments ON THE Cartoons.

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE G. O. M.—Mr. Mowat recently delivered a lecture on "The Evidences of Christianity," thus emulating the noble Liberal leader of England, who is famous for his frequent excursions from

the realm of politics into that of science or religion. We congratulate the Attorney-General on his success in this new departure, and hope it may not be his last appearance in public apart from political objects. GRIP has from time to time urged upon the attention of our political leaders the excellent example of Gladstone and others in the old land, and takes this opportunity of renewing his suggestion to the junior clubs of both the Reform and Conservative parties, to form a joint bureau with a view of securing lectures on non-political topics from distinguished men who are now only known as politicians. We have many able and well-read speakers who ought to be available for such a purpose—Hon. E. Blake, Hon. Sir J. S. D. Thompson, Mr. Curren, Sir John Macdonald, Hon. Mr. Mills, Sir R. Cartwright, etc., etc. It would do much to modify the asperities of public life in Canada were these gentlemen and others to make the acquaintance of the public in the capacity of lecturers on literary and social topics, each after his own taste; and it would at the same time do the men themselves a world of good. Courses of lectures along this line could be got up in two or three of our cities for the coming winter, and we

think there can be little doubt that the venture would justify itself financially as well as in other ways.

THE KNIGHT OF THE RUEFUL COUNTENANCE.—Sir R. Cartwright is making a tour of Ontario delivering speeches on the topics of the day—principally, of course, on the Reciprocity question. This is all right; it is what a dozen other prominent Liberals ought to be doing, for the harvest of discontent with Protection is ripe, and votes can be made for a more enlightened policy if the work is gone about judiciously. The leading journals of the Government do not seem to question the propriety of Sir Richard taking the stump at this moment, but they do impugn the method and matter of his addresses. The London Free Press charges him with "displaying only the dark side of the shield," and says his speeches are characterized by "his old trick of villification and uncompromising prejudice." "Of course," says the F.P., "he sneered (in the Renfrew speech) at the proposition to find new markets. If new and better markets than the United States should happen to be found for Canadian products, the contention of the Liberals would be knocked endways. So he deems it best to dissuade the people from doing anything in the line of new markets to the miserable end that his evil prophecies may be fulfilled." The Montreal Gazette also deprecates the savage tone of Sir Richard's speeches, and his straight-out denunciation of Sir John and his colleagues as arrant knaves. Moreover, as "enlarged trade relations with our neighbors can come only from the Republican party," and that party is immovably opposed to any such thing, the Gazette fails to see what purpose Sir Richard can expect to serve "by perambulating the country, uttering his doleful cries and begging the people to accept a policy which, if practicable, will raise the average of taxation more than 100 per cent."



AUDATORY expressions such as the following evidently heartfelt tribute from a Kingston correspondent are encouraging, as showing that despite the strength of partyism, prejudice and traditional dogmas, the work of an independent paper meets with appreciation:

For some time past I have felt compelled to let you know in this manner how admirably independent and progressive are the stands you take on the general questions of our present day. Each week's GRIP contains something new and to the point on some leading question, and your fearless, open way of exposing everything to the view and inspection of the public deserves the gratitude and applause of all; and in offering you this voluntary and deserved praise, I must thank you for many a clear deduction which has been of great use to me in arguments from time to time. As a teacher and leader of the people, your paper should be in every business man's hands.

ARCHBISHOP CLEARY is again on the rampage. In his tirade against the opponents of Separate schools he took occasion to indignantly deny the statement that he was talking for the Mowat Government. It was quite superfluous. Whatever his personal sympathies may be, one such speech as that of last week, coming from an ecclesiastic supposed to favor Mowat and known to antagonize Meredith, does the Liberal party of Ontario more injury than could be done by a dozen opposition stump speakers. Mr. Mowat may well pray to be saved from such friends.

IN addition to the plague of landlordism and the famine created by the rapacity of the parasitic class unfortunate Ireland has been suffering from the presence of Balfour. And now it is said that the ether-drinking craze