

without fee or reward, beyond the satisfaction of giving a helping hand to a seat of learning that is trying the unique and laudable experiment of making mental culture go hand in hand with industrial training.

His residence is, and has been for some years past, near Toronto. He now regards himself as a Canadian, and takes a lively interest in the affairs of the country, as his articles in the *Canadian Monthly*, on Current Events, &c., show. When in England, during the past winter, he availed himself of every occasion to place his adopted country and her people fairly before the English public. He removed misconceptions, and exerted himself in other ways to promote her interests. He is not a man of limited sympathies, nor of narrow ideas. He is as much at home in nominating a candidate for the Toronto City Council, as in supporting the claims of an aspirant to a seat in the British Parliament. He is a profound scholar, and as an author his writings are characterized by great extent and accuracy of information, and the lofty and refined sentiments of an upright Christian gentleman. His chief works are, "Lectures on the Study of History," "Irish History and the Irish Character," "Three English Statesmen, Pym, Cromwell, and Pitt," in addition to which he has been a frequent contributor to the periodical press, on almost every subject that engages public attention; his original and active mind often bringing him to the front as a leader of public opinion. He is independent in forming his opinions, and fearless in expressing them—whatever he thinks right for the good of the community he boldly pursues. His influence is so general that it is felt even in the councils of our country. He has an extensive knowledge of the School Systems of both England and America. Above all, *he is a man of unblemished character*. He is quite free from any pledges—he has no attachment to the Educational Department to clog his action or cloud his judgment, he has no axes to grind, no bosom friends to serve, and no enmities to gratify. Enough has been stated to show what a valuable man Professor Goldwin Smith would be as our representative in the Council of Public Instruction. The attitude he has taken in this contest as exhibited by the following letters shows how safely he can be relied on to represent us faithfully, and is of itself enough to ensure his return:—

"TORONTO, July 17, 1874.

"DEAR SIR,—In reply to your kind note, I believe I have only to say that being now again present among you, I cordially ratify my acceptance of the nomination tendered and accepted during my absence; that, if elected, I will do my best to justify your choice, but that I shall esteem it an honour to have been thus nominated, whatever the result of the election may be.

"When you selected me, you no doubt knew as much of my history as it concerned you to know and were aware that I was one of the Commissioners appointed by the Crown in 1858 to enquire into the condition of popular education in England with a view to legislation. We were engaged for three years in the enquiry, which extended to the systems of education in other countries, including Canada.

"As a delegate of the Oxford University Press, I was a member of the committee especially charged with the organization and publication of a series of educational books.

"I have taken no steps to promote my own election. I felt that to do so would be unbecoming, and that a body of electors so competent to judge for themselves, as the teachers of the Province, would regard anything in the shape of solicitation or pressure as an insult.

"Something, I believe, has been said about the moral tone of the lectures delivered by me as Professor of Modern History at Oxford. I have sent a copy of such as are published to Mr. McCausland, who will, no doubt, be at the meeting to-day. I trust that neither in their teaching, nor in my public or private conduct, will anything be found which can bring a stain on the honour of a profession to which I myself belong, though the branch with which I am connected is different from yours, and which I have always regarded, as a whole, with the keenest interest and sympathy.

"I am, Dear Sir,

"Yours faithfully,

"GOLDWIN SMITH.

"Samuel McAllister, Esq., Toronto."

"TORONTO, July 20th, 1874.

"DEAR SIR,—In the journals of this morning there is a report of a meeting of teachers organized to promote my election to the Council of Public Instruction, with reference to which I think it necessary to explain my position to you and my other friends.

"At the meeting it seems to have been proposed to issue, in my interest, and with my sanction, if it could be obtained, a pamphlet or circular setting forth, if I rightly understand what was said, objections of a personal character to the candidature of my opponent.

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