

general estimation which specially justifies the action of the Legislature. But it is a chair which more than most others will largely depend for its value on the wise selection of its incumbent. It is, moreover, indispensable that the chair of Political Science shall be placed financially on such a basis as to command the entire services of the professor ; and so, effectually protect him from any compromising relations, either with temporary political, or professional interests. Since the days of Adam Smith, the father of English Political Economy, Ricardo, Malthus, John Stewart Mill, Senior, and other acute reasoners, have enlarged the scope of Civil Polity until it has become a distinct ethical science, resting on higher grounds than mere supply and demand, or other accepted axioms of selfish economics. Its teachings must harmonize with those of the Professor of History, in so far as both may justly be expected to educe from the experience of the past, lessons to guide us in the determination of great constitutional principles ; in dealing with urgent social questions ; and solving financial problems on which the wealth of nations so largely depends. Manifestly the Professor to whom this important branch of education is entrusted, must be selected, like any other teacher of science, as a well trained searcher after truth ; not as the advocate of any current political cry. But the responsibility which the exercise of University patronage involves is by no means limited to this chair. The history both of ancient and modern Universities shows how largely their reputation has often been due to one or two men of mark, who have given an impetus to the whole culture of the schools, and left their impress on their age. The University is a mere abstraction apart from its teachers ; and it rests now mainly with the Minister of Education whether the new chairs shall be filled with mere tutorial drudges, or with men of high gifts and attainments who will make their influence felt on the rising generation,, and permanently elevate the intellectual standard of the whole Dominion.

With the inevitable delays before any surplus can accrue from the Upper Canada College appropriation, the relative importance of the new chairs must be kept in view. Foremost in value for