

either the affection of his friends or respect of his opponents. A cultured gentleman, he always sought to maintain the dignity of the House, and his bearing and language were frequently a severe rebuke to those who did not maintain his own high ideals of personal and official conduct." And again, "He was a fine exemplar of those very qualities which have moved Britons to stake their all rather than break their pledged word to little Belgium. Canadians like William O'Brien maintain in this new world the highest traditions of the old. He was an honourable and courageous man, and he bore himself through life with the quiet dignity of a gentleman. To him was given the privilege of living up to the high standard so pithily expressed in the noble words of George Herbert, that good divine of the old Church O'Brien loved and served so well:—

Lie not, but let thy heart be true to God,
Thy mouth to it, thy actions to them both.' "

The funeral took place from "The Woods," Shanty Bay, on December 26th. His old regiment desired that it should be a military funeral, and this was carried out with the soldierly precision of that fine corps. Among the clergymen who took part in the service was the Ven. Archdeacon Cody, of Toronto, who referred to the deceased as "one who, by patient doing of great things, has helped to make the history of our Dominion, and will be seen in the future, even more than in the present, to be one of Canada's outstanding citizens. During the time he was a member of the Dominion Parliament friend and foe alike learned to respect, admire and like him. No one for a moment thought he had any private end to serve. William O'Brien was a man without fear. What his conscience said, that was his conviction. He feared not the frown, neither was he swayed by the fawning of men. He represented a noble type of public servant. His name will go down to fame in Canadian history as one who stood against all the blandishments that could be brought to bear on him; as one who withstood the attacks and criticisms of both friends and foes, because he defended those great principles of religious liberty which had been won in the past at the cost of blood and sacrifice. He was no opportunist in politics or in daily life, but a man of conviction, a man of magnanimity, who could forgive; a man of sympathy, a man who knew that the true foundation of national greatness lay in the character of the citizens."