

their compassion to one who for many years past has been forced by their choice of him as their representative to do violence to the best feelings of his nature and to hide beneath the joyous mask of a smiling face the anguish of a breaking heart.

If amongst you there can be found one man competent to represent Splashville Centre, fit to stand in my shoes, I will retire into private life, there to recruit my health shattered in your service, there to build up my practice ruined by my election, and there to regain a portion of that sweet innocence which was the most engaging feature about me ere, in accordance with your wishes I endured the blighting baptism of political life.

(*Aside.*—Now I have arrived at the difficult stage, of course it will be expected that I should give an idea of my future course, that I should declare as they call them my principles; now I am not an unprincipled fellow, but I really have no principles at all. I have been almost everything in my time, loyalist, annexationist, confederationist, protectionist and free trader, and I feel within me a capacity for being half a dozen things more, but with my constitution it really is an *embarras de richesse*, but why should I pin my faith on the skirt of any principle when all principles are alike to me.

Gorilla is the only man of our party who has principles and devilish unpleasant ones they are too. I spoke to him civilly about that collectorship, and he told me to go to the devil and mind my own business, of course as he is the leader of our party I pocketed the affront, but I put it to any sensible man if that's the way the member for Splashville Centre, the most important Anglo Saxon constituency in Skitzland East, should be treated; I can't afford to quarrel with him either and I verily believe that if he were to turn round and pull the noses of every Anglo Saxon Blue in the house, we'd submit quietly and look upon it as a little harmless bit of eccentricity on his part. By Jove, he's Lord Paramount here, and there isn't one of us with pluck enough to face the little beggar; but *revenons a nos moutons*,—sits down and and commences to write again.)

My principles gentlemen, are the same as those which animate the majority of the electors of this splendid constituency (*aside*, can the majority find fault with that declaration, as for the minority what care I for them.) Do you doubt, examine into the strength of your respec-