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MR. GRANT DUFF ON EDUCATION

Mr. Grant Duff, the member for the Elgin Burghs, in the British House of Commons, is well known as one of the ablest and most accomplished of living British statesmen. His uttorances are always well-weighed and suggestive, and the following remarks on education lately made at the distribution of prizes in St. Mary s Medical School, London, are

noticeably of this character.

"The object of education," he said, "was to consoble the persons educated to make the most of his or her life. This was to be accomplished, let, by developing, all his or her faculties to the utterinost; 2nd, by endeavouring to do as mucle good as possible to his or her fellowcreatures; 3rd, by endeavouring to get as much enjoyment as is compatible with attention to these two objects. Passing to the iquestion as do how education could help to these things, he observed that it would be helpful by forming a sound mind in a sound body. by good training of charactor by showing something of the coincided and lexting with the person adjucated. Exhen that admention is done, the keys of the treasure house of science, of literature, of natural beauty, and of art. Observing that he considered the training of character receiving decidedly more attention.than formerly, he said that he would confine his observations to the training of the intellect. The first thing, he said, that strikes me is, that, except in the case of persons who are destined to the great and beneficent profession to which you are destined, the observing faculties are hardly trained at all. Yet of all the faculties they are the first to develop and the easiest to train. Until, then, our schools adopt some method of training the observing fac ulties, there will be a fatal blot in our system of education. How they should be trained depends largely upon the particular ercumstances of the per ons who are to undergo the training. In many cases, the study of elementary betany would be the easiest and most natural troduction to a wise use of observing facul ties; in other cases it might be geology, physiology, or some other science. There is no situation, however, in town or country where some one or other of the sciences which depend primarily upon observation could not be taught with the greatest ease and the greatest advantage, if it were one distinctly understood that physical science was not to be treated as something apart a branch of knowledge which it might be right to learn as it might be right, under certain circumstances, to learn Bergue or Finnish, but also a means of knowled training in the light of which all other knowledge would grow more valuable. I hold, gentlemen, that as soon as the three R's are secured, or rather while they are being secured, there should be a training in at least some one of the sciences of observation, and that that training should take precedence, in point of time, over all others, except, of course, those inevitable thi es R's, and perhaps the very first notions of geography.

History in broadest outline should come next. Then the story of the French and German languages, with a thorough study of English, comparative grammar and Philology. On the study of physical and political geography Mr. D. saul :-

But paramount amongst the studies which should go to make up a good general education in this country is a study for which, strange to say, we who need it most have not even a name—the study which the countrymen of Carl Ritter call compendiously Erdkunde, earth knowledge-but which we are obliged to describe very clumsily and very imperfectly as physical and political geography. Of all subjects, this is surely the one best fitted to train the youth of this great cosmopolitan power. There is not a single elector in this country whose vote may not at any moment seriously affect the destines of millions and

has had what is to my mind very erroneonely called a good classical education a clarsical education that is of the oldfushioned English type. I truet that the you will be safely able to predicate about every Englishman famous in the State is, that he has had us ry large and therough training in this earth knowledge, begun in his childhood by an intelligent study of his own immediate parish or district, and con-tinued partly by books and partly by travel till he has the kind of command f this grand and truly menly subject which Canning had of the elogancies of Latinsoholar-ship. We must assign, of course, a very large part to the passions and to the mis taken reasoning of men in bringing about mindicious political action; but, I think, we must assign even a larger part to mere ignorance—to want of knowledge of the facts of the world. Take two events of our own day—the Indian Mutiny and the France-German War. Will any one main tain that either of these events would have taken place if the people who brought thom about had known those facts of the world which it most concerned them to know? Hardly any one in Franco had the faintest idea of the military strength of Germany. Hardly any one in France knew how much more powerful was the German rassion for unity than the counter force of provincial ralousies and dynastic intrigues. Hardly any of the persons who joined their fortunes with the first leaders of the Mutiny had the faintest idea what the real power of England was. They thought they had only to kill all the Englishmen in India to give them command of the country, and were utterly astounded when the sea began, to use their own expression, to vomit up troops all round their coast. What is true of these two events is true of almost every great political blunder recorded in history, and, alt ough I am as far as possible from maintain. of thet, by making a wide knowledge of he facts of the world a leading feature of general education, we should estimate the cause of unwise political action, we should unquestionably very much diminish their numbers. It is impossible that I may be led to attach too much importance to this study as a part of the education of Englishmen generally, from seeing daily and hourly the evil that comes from the want of it in public affairs. But I do not think so. I think there is no study that would better call out all that is best in Englishmen, or enrich so much our ordinary intercourse, extending its benefits far away into subjects which seem at first sight very remote. It was not without good reason that, under a picture of Carl Ritter, they put the words of the poet—

" Wouldst thou advance into the Infinite, Go into the Finite upon All sides."

On the study of ancient classics, Mr. Duff may be thought by some rather heretical, but after all, may there not be a good deal of reasonableness found in his remarks and suggestions, the more especially as not one boy or lad in ton. either in our Grammar Schools or Unior Latin, as to be able to read the "classics," of which so much is said, in any other way than as a task. While with the vast majority of those supposed to be vast majority of those supposed to be thing to represent those who are opposed "fagging" at what some suppose to be that to the present system of teaching the key of all knowledge, the time and money so spent are really worse than thrown away? Let any one go into any High School in Ontario, aye, or even into our Provincial University, and note a good deal of what is going on there under the painfully absurd name of education, and he will feel that the following words of Mr. Duff are not without appropriateness on this as well as on the other side of the Atlantic .

"I minted a little ago that I did not con sider the old-lastinoued English classica ducation a good classical education. the contrary, I consider it a very bad classical education, altogether one sided, that a classical education ought to give, while it occupies a most uniensocable education. I would produce these results in the following ways .- 1st, By teaching Greek as, what it is mainly, a living, not a dead tanguage. 2nd, Ly considering that the only object wat his eping in the with regard to Latin and Greek, countered as a part of general education, is to enable your youth to read whatever exists in Latin and Greek that they cannot read as well in English, French, or German. To that end, I would amount out to the amount that is read, and even of the authors which must be read I would read in translations as much as could be with propriety read in that way. I would strike my pen remorselessly through everything that was characteristic in a first rate author, but, on the other hand, I would include a my late of the large of the list of books a good deal that is usually but most unreasonably, omitted. I would wholly banish from general education all Latin and Greek composition whatever, except in prose. On the other hand, I would consider it just as necessary that the persons who were to go through a classical educati n should have their eve familiarized with whatever is most beautiful in Greek coins, statues, getts, and buildings, as that the ear she 'I be familiarized with the finest passages the language. When was at school it was the fashion to learn y heart thousands and thousands of lines of Latin and Greek. To all that I would put an otter end, and never encourage a line to be learnt that was not sufficiently good to be treasured through life as a pos session for ever

"The time is surely come for some scholar millions of men scattered all over the of commanding speciation, or better still, world; while there is absolutely no ced to for some committee of scholars, to put the careers that are open to Englishmen, whose natural love of enterprize is guided ing that Latin and Greek studies do bring by a knowledge of the facts of the world, the mind into contest with idees with The one thing that you can, as things now which it is not otherwise brought into conare, ilmost always predicate about any tack, and considering that there are a vast The one thing that you can, as things now which it is not otherwise brought into con-pleasure of which it is capable from perare, ilmost always predicted about any tack, and considering that there are a vast petnal additions of these two finds of Englishman farbone in the State is, that he published of other studies which it is absurd knowledge, as at the direct in-

and disgracoful to neglect—what is there that you insist upon as specially worthy of attention? I man persuaded that the list of books or part of books which would be written down in answer to such a question as this by scholars, who, in addition to hav-ing read widely in the classics and having made themselves acqueinted with the chief heasures of classic art, had a wide know hedge of modern literature, would not be of unwieldly length. I yield to no one in the desire to keep classical study a part of edu-cation, but you must remember that the place which classical studies now hold in this country is a mere accidental result of their having been introduced when there was hardly any modern literature. Of late they have been studied from a fantastic notion that they are a peculiarly good discipline for the mind, that they are in some u a introduced, however, for any such silly learon. Latin and Greek were in the days of the Renais ance the keys of almost all knowledge worth having. They were studied, not as being educative, but as being instructive. What I advocate is, that we should go back to the practices and principles of our ancestors in this matter, and not as they would have noted if the lanact as they would not noted in the integuages which it was necessary to learn for the ordinary purposed of an intelligent life had been then, as English, French, and German are now, full of books which introduced the reader to the knowledge best worth having. If that had been so in their day, they would, I trust, have used the classics to do for them what other literature could not do-they would not, I trust, have used the classics to do what other literature could do better. There is another question which a committee of scholars might usefully answer. What me the best translations of the classics in English, French, or German, and what is there that must be read in the original? If those two questions were satisfactorily answered, if it became once understood that a classical education must include a familiarity with the best productions of classical art, as represented at least by casts, electrotypes, drawings, and other copies where the originals are not accessible, and ought if possible to include a visit to the principal classical sites I believe that the amount of classical culture in this country would be enormously increased, while you would gain time for even more valuable studies which are now too often scrimped, even if they are not omitted altogether.

cal or any of their adjuncts per sc. least useful of these adjuncts is probably Latin and Greek verse composition, but while I would utterly banish it from general education, L would endeavour to keep up the traditions of English success in what I admit to be, like fencing, an excessively pretty accomplishment, by giving large rewards for it both at our schools and Universities. The best and most legitimate use to which you car put endowments is to encourage studies which will not, so to speak, encourage themselves, and I should be sorry if there were ever a time when a Sew persons in Alua county could not write. Latin verse as well say, as the late Professor. Conington, or Greek Lambies as well as the late Mr. James Riddell, not to mention the names of living people. It is a common classics as enemies to the classics them solves, but nothing could, in my case, be more unjust. I wish, as you have seen, that the classics should still occupy a considerable place in the education of anyone who has any aptitude for literature, and who can carry on his studies to the age at which young men usually leave Oxford and Cambridge. Further, I should like to see such a rearrangement in the application of our University funds as to encourage a small number of specialists to give their attention to every one of the adjuncts of classical I cannot possibly make it too clear that what I want is, not to diminish the amount of classical knowledge in the world or of classical culture in general education. classical education, altogether one sided, but by a wiser ordering of classical studies failing to give anothing like the cultivation to get time for other studies even more important, without overtasking the strength

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To the study of mathematics Mr. D. does not assign a high place except as a necessary introduction to physics. Physiology, study of the laws of England, political economy, politics, etc., were all dwelt upon as parts of a general system of oducation which could easily be got through by the time the student was 21. Here is the conclusion at which Mr. D. arrives as he summarizes what he had said :-

"Such a general education as I have sketched in rough outline would not occupy quite so long a time as the far inferior education through which the young man who take honoing at Oxford or Cambridge now pass s. Tawlil be seen to have some paints of resemblance to the education which is tested by the matriculation examination of the London University—the most sor sible examination meant to test general ducation which is, so far as I am ware, now held in these islands, if woul low for the fact that that examination is one which may take place at sixteen, while the examination which I should contemplate would take place at or after one andtwenty. Such a general education would ensure the acquisition of a far larger number of facts, and the formation of a far larger number of correct ideas, than is now customary. It would train the judgment far more effectually, and it would lay a far better foundation for that continuous relfeducation which should go on it every intelligent human being to his last hour. would store the wind with the most important truths that man has discovered about his environments, and with the most remarkable things lie has said, while it would i repare the mind to receive the intensest

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Honor Conffraed. -Our esteemed countryman, the Rev. J. M.Gibson, late of Erskine Church, Montreal, but now of Chi cago, has been honored by the Chicago University with the honorary degree of ter to see every Protestant controversislist D.D. The reverend doctor is worthy of armed than that which Mr. Gladstone here the honor thus conferred, and his friends | muldices to the British public in the folgenerally will give him their congratulations .- Scottish American Journal

THE formal induction of the Rev. David Mitchell as pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, took place on Monday evening, the 19th inst , in Shaftes bury Hall, which was well filled, by not only Presbyterians, but by members of other Christian bodies. Provious to the regular services, the Toronto Presbytery held a meeting to receive Mr. Mitchell's testimonials from the Presbytery of New York, which were found satisfactory. After the usual call for objections to the induc- able estimate of its Church in comparison tion, Rev. J. M. King took the chair. On the platform were a large number of min isters and laymen, including Revs. Prof. McLaren, Dr. Jennings, J G. Robb, R. D. Fraser, Wm. Reid, Burnfield, G'Iray, Petti grow, Monteith, Bregkenridge, Mr. James Brown, and others. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, after which Rev. Mr. Breckenidge preached an cloquent sermon on the office of the Christian minister from 1 Cor. iv. 1-4. The chairman then recounted the circumstances which had led to the formation of that congregation, and to the call of Mr. Mitchell to its nastorate, and the customary questions to minister and people having been put by the chairman and satisfactorily answered, Mr. Mitchell was duly inducted into his new position. After receiving the congratulations of his brother ministers, a few appropriate words were addressed to him by the Rev. Mr. King, while the Rev. Mr. Burnfield made an earnest and thoughtful address to the people. The proceedings were brought to a close by the Rev. Dr. Jennings pronouncing the benediction. As a taugible evidence of their regard for their

Bay Street Presbyterian Church.

INDUCTION OF REV MR. SMITH.

Smith, late of Bowmanville, was regularing and fixed intentions of the Ultramentane inducted into the pastorate of Bay street conspilate, or to find conference of the Ultramentane Presbyterian Church. Presbyterian Church. The services began at 2 o clock, and were well attended. European society against that consurary Among the clergymen present were nev. by any system of mere negations in religious. This last barned error is wilely Among the ciergymen present were nev. by any system of mere negations in the Messrs. Montouth, Fraser, Sr., I raser, Jr., gion. This fast hamed error is widely Carimchaet, McLaren, Laing (Dundas), provident in England. There is an impression, which is not worthy to be called Grant (Simcool, Pettigrew, Gray, Marticle, which is not worthy to be called a conviction, but which holds the place of hig. Dick, kennedy, of Dunbartan, Ross, one, that the indifferentiatin, see placing. or Pickering, and others. The usual prelim materialism, and pantheism, which ribe many meeting of Presbytery having been moment are so ashionate, afford among heid, Rev. Mr. Montent formally called them an effectual defonce against Valiance the agreement to grate their chief. upon the congregation to state their objections, but one has truly said that he rottions, if any, to the induction of heir taries of that system have three elements chosen pastor. The services were then of real strength, namely, faith, self sacrifice, proceeded with, the Rev. Mr. Fraser of and he spirit of continuity. None of the while it occupies a most uneasonable of fairly intelligent and fairly healthy of fairly intelligent and fairly healthy with ease, in very much less than half he time usually occupied in classical studies, time usually occupied in classical studies, taken soyon years bid and three and twenty, tamiharize the mind with overything that in the unwisdom of our present that ought to form any part of general thanks to the unwisdom of our present that ought to form any part of general the work what they may lose that ought to form any part of general the unwisdom of our present the distribution of our present that ought to form any part of general the partial facilities and lefterum anies of the course of his partial time are to be found in any of the negative remarks in pointed out the tensor which had actuated the patriarch Jacob in his feelings of repagaance and alarm which they own, and show down much stronger the motives were for christian facilities and the classification. liberality in the present age of the church. The Komanism of the day in a measure The Rev. Prof. Gregg, who presided, then reviewed the course of events which had of these evils sincere, no doubt, but only lead to the induction of Mr. Smith, and light and rare in comparison with the put the usual questions to the minister anathemas which it bestows upon liberly elect. The right mand of follow-hip was and its quarantees, most of all when self then extended to the industed paster by tendency to claim them is detected within his brother clergymen, and he was after-words briefly addressed by Prof. Gregg, who admonished him to justruct the people faithfully in the doctrines and precepts of the Bible, to preach to them in language capable of being understood by the most illiterate, and to be an example to the flock-"A living epistle known and read all men." The congregation was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Carmelacl, who neged them to provide liberary for the bodily wants of their pastor, to all ad the regular preaching of the Word, to reverence their minister as a messenger sont from Ged, to sypathese him, to pray for him, to set him a good example, and to live at peace among themselves.

In the evening a social was held by the members of the congregation for the purpose of extending a welcome to their pastor. Over twenty ministers, representing all the Evangelical bodies in the city, were prosent. An excellent reput was served in the basement of the church to a large assemblage of ladius and geutlemen, whose presence arrested the heartmess of their welcome to the clergyman who is about to begin his ministrations among them. The party (about 400 in number) then adjourned to the body of the church, where interesting congratulatory addresses were delivered by a number of clergymon and others. The choir, under the leadership of the Precentor, Mr. Perkins, rendered several anthoms in a first-class manner. Mr. Bain, on bohalf of the congregation, read an address to Professor Gregg, thank ing him for his services to the congregation as moderator of the session

fluence of beauty, natural or artificial. It during the vacancy, and for other services, would, in other words, give the key of the recompanied with a purse of gold (velue would, in other words, give the key of the recompanied with a purse of gold (velue treasure-house of science, the key of the \$1000, to which Mr. tiregg made a suitable treasure-house of literature, the key of the reply. Mr. J. A. Paterson then on belief treasure-house of natural beauty, and the of the ladies, presented their new Pastor key of the treasure-house of art, while it with a handsone pulpit gown, his records taught the mind to work easily and power- were with and pointed, and excited much fully, without ever overtaxing the body, or increment. Mr. Smith is reply, thanked falling into the foolish mistake of treating the ladies and their representative, for this gift, an I made a short speech full of good feeling, which won the hearts of all present.

M. De. Lavaleye and Mr Gladstone on the Papacy.

It would be very difficult, if indeed not altogether impossible, to point to any production of similar compass (it is embraced in 71 pages) with which we should like bet

lowing prefatory letter :"My dear M. de Lavaleye,-I thankyon for your prompt assent to my request that your trace on the relations of reformed and um eformed Christianity respectively in the West of Europe to the liberty and prosper. ity of nations might be translated into

English.

of paed hardly say to any—least of all to you—that this request did not imply adoption of your precise point of view, or of each of your opinions in detail. You have not, I believe, been governed by theological partialities in the judgment at which you have arrived, nor have I in the desire to give currency in this country to a tract which includes your rather unfavourwith the other reformed communions. But I have felt that desire very strongly, because within a compass wonderfully brief you have initiated in a very vivid manner. and have even advanced to a certain point the discussion of a question which hereto-fore can hardly be said to have been presented to the public mind, and which seems to me high time to examine. That question is whether experience has now supplied data sufficient for a trustworthy comparison of results in the several spheres of pelitical liberty, social advancement, montal intelligence, and general morality, between the Church of Rome, on the one hand, and the religious communities cast off by or separated from her, on the other.

"Mr. Hallamistated many years ago the difficulty of arriving at a conclusion on the ethical section of this question, but much that in his day remained obscure has been considerably elucidated by recent experience, and I trust that the brief but significant and weighty indications of your pamphlet, especially if they should be followed by a fuller treatment from your own Ion, may turn the thoughts of other stuents of history and observers of life to a thorough examination of this wide and most fruitful field. "There are other features in your mode

of handling the case, from which England in particular may derive much instruction. With reference to the political and social new pastor, the congregation at the close of fruits of religion we have been accostomed the service progented him with a quarter at the region. Belging as the opposition gallenger in advance. a ready answer to many who entertained strong suspection of her workings. It will be wen for us to have a few words on this subject nom a Dolgian of known liberality and tolerance, who knows what and under what difficulties the wisdom of two successive kings has done for Belgium, and who repays its obligation by making its census its own precinct .- I remain, Dear M. de Lavaleye, most faithfully yours,

"WM. EWART GLADSTONE."

"By your fruits ye shall know them,"it a test of truth, which, if fairly applied, is of all others the most irresistible, and it this pamphlet M. Lavaleye puts this dickin the dictum alike of revelation and reason -to the best of uses. In a scries of pointed propositions he contrasts the social results of Protestant behof and Roman Catholis dogma, while indicating as he proceeds the insufficiency of infidelity or of a menti-negative position as a basis for human s-telety. M. Lavaloye's first proposition is that the progress of the Latin nations it less rapid than that of the Tentonic peoples

in consequence not of race but of creed "It is admitted the says) that the Scotch and Irish are of the same oricin. Both have become subject to the English yeld. Until the sixteenth century Ireland with much processing the sixteenth century Ireland with the sixteenth centu much more civilised than Scotland. Dar-ing the first part of the Middle Ages, its Emerald Isle was a focus of civilisation, while Scotland was still a den of harbarians.

Since the Scotch have embraced the Reformed religion they have outrus even the English. The climate and the nature of the soil prevent Scotland being as neh

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