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No. V.

THE HON. A. S. HARDY.

This gentleman has reason to be grateful to his god-fathers and god-mother that they gave but one "S" to his initials. That affectation which prevents his doffing his hat when occupying his seat in the House does not hinder one gaining a good view of his upper storey when he rises. The tile being discarded, one recognizes that it has overshadowed a somewhat coarse and carnal development; a development which will result in a high degree of appreciation of the good things of this life; such a degree of appreciation of these good things as indicates that whenever the robust frame of this gentleman may give way, it is probable that the cause may be attributable to excessive appreciation of the creature-comforts above indicated. The afore-named indications however in no degree frustrate the exercise of this gentleman's perceptive power which is considerable. As good living in its earlier stages is wont to lead to jollity, there are not lacking indications that this gentleman—like the Israelites of old—has waxed fat, and possibly has kicked. He possesses a good memory for both events and dates. He is a born gladiator, and will figure to advantage in parliamentary fight, for his brain reposes on a broad foundation. Nature would appear to have intended him for a mechanic, and may possibly yet find constructive work for him to do. As she has also endowed him with the qualities of imitativeness and good taste, it is to be hoped that this trio of faculties may be brought into exercise, in relation to the erection of new Parliament buildings. Inasmuch as sensitiveness constitutes one of the features of the hon. gentleman's character, it is to be hoped that that faculty will not be unduly wounded by the view we have presented of him in this mental mirror.

No. VI.

S. WHITE, ESQ.

A gentleman whose deliverance on the address, at a moderate computation, cost the province \$450 is a gentleman who presents an irresistible claim to an early phrenological sounding; we therefore drop the plummet on him accordingly, and do not fail to recognize a robust vital organization, with such a base of brain as would necessarily, had

he not been lacking in culture, give force to his utterances. His organ of language is such as will render him lacking in fluency, but this defect is in some degree counterbalanced by the faculty of continuity which will lead him to stick to a point at the cost of the patience of his hearers, to say nothing of the pecuniary cost above indicated. His determination is great, and will result in his successfully controlling subordinates, and being pretty severe, when he deems it necessary so to be. One of his leading characteristics is his large appreciation of mirth and wit, which will necessarily result in his being an ardent admirer of *The Critic*.

No. VII.

THE HON. A. M. ROSS, *Treasurer*.

The "soundings," in the case of the gentleman above indicated, yield "good perceptives," so that we may regard him as a keen observer; that he is eminently practical is no less obvious. He is also determined, and we do not covet the undertaking of convincing him that he can ever be wrong. He is not lacking in the useful quality of self-reliance, and as little in persistency. The hon. gentleman is slow in changing his opinion; his individual sensitiveness will not prevent his being severe on others. As a public speaker he will be more practical than fluent, for his faculty of language is somewhat dwarfed. The mental training of which his cranium gives evidence, renders him methodical and painstaking. He is not unpatriotic, and is of that order of mind which will lead him to be reverential toward the great. If his social inferiors should be slow to learn their relation to him, he is not likely to be tardy in conveying instruction in this particular.

No. VIII.

A. F. WOOD, Esq.

Kindliness and good nature, with that disposition to revere the great, which might be expected on that side of the House where the above-named gentleman sits, are among the prominent characteristics of the member for the North Riding of Hastings. As his lingual organs are somewhat small, and his memory of events may be said to be defective, he will not shine as an orator; his perceptive faculties are good however, and he is prone to fathom whatever subject he takes in hand, to the bottom. There is no danger of his forsaking his party, as he is eminently adhesive. This gentleman can hardly be said to be vigorous enough to crush an opponent, albeit his combativeness indicates that he will not lack the will so to do. He is a good judge of character, and will manifest his skill in this respect, when he selects any subordinates; he will also enjoy the satisfaction of conciliating their esteem.

