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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, May 21, '91

The Sutton Herald says:—"Mr. Mulock, M.P. for this Riding (North York), has seat No. 108 in the House of Commons, the majority he was elected by in 1882. This seat is on the first row to the left of the speaker, where we hope he will always remain so long as he represents this Riding." Our esteemed contemporary could scarcely say less about an ordinary member of the House. Mr. Mulock is the introducer of many important bills, session after session, and is one of the most active members on either side. If our northern friend ever succeeds in keeping Mr. Mulock "in his seat" it will have to make arrangements for having him tied.

In his place in Parliament a few days ago, Mr. Wm. Mulock, M. P. for North York, drew the attention of the House to the necessity of granting assistance to the sufferers from the Alliston fire. His object in bringing the matter up at that particular time was that the Minister of Finance might make provision for it in the Estimates. Col. Tyrwhitt, M. P. for Simcoe, also, spoke of the disastrous fire, and showed the necessity of immediate relief. No doubt Parliament will be actuated by the same worthy motives as they were when they deemed it their duty to contribute money to the relief of the sufferers after conflagrations in the cities of St. John and Hull.

Correction.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:

SIR.—In last week's LIBERAL the Rev. T. Fenwick pointed out a couple of self-evident mistakes in my reply to the Rev. W. B. Booth. To the first I answer that the plural "Thirds" was in the transcript, but the "s" was omitted in the setting-up. The other was a blunder of my own. I had no intention of writing "William," but Richard. My knowledge of history is not very extensive, but I happen to know that it gives to the illustrious William of Orange a much better character than to Richard the infamous Duke of Gloucester, the author of so many atrocious crimes. I humbly apologize to his deceased Majesty, William of the Boyne, for the unintentional insult to his memory.

I am sorry that I have been the cause of the Rev. T. Fenwick spending so much thunder on such a little squall, but I suppose the rev. gentleman thought he saw an opportunity of spreading himself, and so he spread.

In reference to the rest of his very characteristic letter, allow me to say that it is not my intention to be drawn into a controversy with the Rev. T. Fenwick on this or any other subject. I do not like his style. In my humble opinion those who write for the press, especially if they are educated men, should endeavor to make their efforts pleasing as well as instructive to their readers. I am informed that the dictionary is a book that would supply an educated man with all the words necessary to clothe his ideas in language that would make them acceptable to the reading public, and elevate literary taste if he would make himself familiar with them. If so, then he could well afford to leave irritating adjectives, silly interjections, and unnecessary exclamations to us (if we saw fit to use them), whose knowledge of etymology is unfortunately circumscribed by unavoidable ignorance. I see no necessity for an educated gentleman to emphasize his ideas with such words as "trash," "rubbish," "gibberish," "block-heads," "downright drivell," "unmitigated bald-dash," "don't care a pewter dime," "John donkey," &c., epithets with which the Rev. T. Fenwick has so liberally bespattered his brother in the ministry of Him who taught his followers to be "Kindly affectioned one toward another." And then "Hurrah!" "fol-lol-dal," "loodie-toodie lay," are arguments far beyond my limited knowledge of rhetoric to confute, or my literary ability to excel. A writer must be sadly at a loss for something better when he has to take the beetle of abuse to drive the wedge of sarcasm into the cranium of an intelligent opponent.

Sometimes the rev. gentleman even tries to be facetious. The majority of the readers of THE LIBERAL can enjoy a good joke, but when it is perpetrated by one who makes some pretensions to learning they would appreciate it all the more were it divested of boorishness and tinctured with a little refinement. Even the bitter pill of keen invective is much

better administered if sugar-coated with politeness. Mr. Booth moralized, sermonized, and sometimes agonized, to make his arguments fit the subject under discussion, but he had some respect for his readers, he tried to write common sense and to do so in a gentlemanly manner. Mr. Fenwick, on the contrary, jumped like a wasp into a sugar barrel and vociferously buzzed around expecting the hoops to fly, but they didn't fly. Like the majestic moon in her stately progress across the sky on a calm clear night Mr. Booth kept on in the "even tenor of his way," serenely unmindful of the continuous croaking of the erratic denizen on the classic shores of Elder's mill pond. I really could not help admiring his equanimity and self-possession. Such a terrible ordeal would have shattered my whole nervous organism and paralyzed all my literary machinery. Were I, like a plumed knight of modern romance, to sally forth in search of adventure—a foe man worthy of my steel—and should see looming up in the distance the pugnacious parson of Elders Mills, bristling all over with missiles selected from the armory at Billingsgate, I would consider prudence the better part of valor, and beat a hasty retreat, because polished armor, however invulnerable it might be, even to a well directed lance, would be spotted and spoiled by a daub of mud, especially if the splashy commodity was exploded from what Mr. Fenwick in his reply to Mr. Booth has modestly called himself—"a hundred ton gun." No! No! Mr. Editor! I do not engage in any contest of mental mud throwing for the amusement—it may be the ridicule—and in all probability the censure of the intelligent readers of THE LIBERAL.

WM. HARRISON. Richmond Hill, May 20th, 1891.

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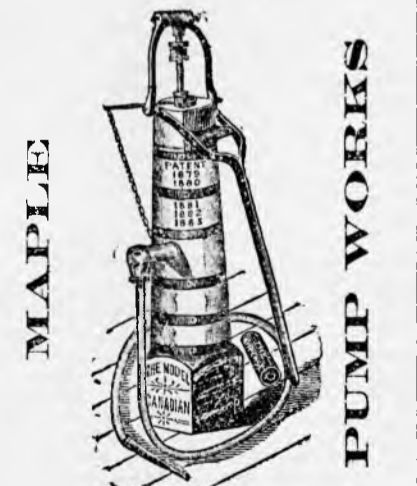
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