From Dr. Malloch's Journal. Sunday, Dec. 19, 1915.

Sir Wm. and I threw away so many pamphlets and books after lunch. The same Sunday Sir Wm. told me that one or two years ago he was asked to stand for Oxford, and that both parties had made some agreement to make it a sure win for him. Would not have liked it. Sir Wm. is not taking his salary since the war began, and to-day returned many nice cheques.

W.O. probably believed with Burke, whom he quotes in his pocket

note-book as follows: " MC, "Those who carry on great public schemes must be proof against the most fatiguing days, the most mortifying disappointments, the most shocking insults, and worst of all the presumptuous judgement of the ignorant upon their designs."

