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IN referring last week to the book case placed in the Library, we were not aware that it was a gift from our Principal, which we regard as another token of his many kindnesses towards the students, and of his thoughtful consideration for their welfare. We can rest assured that as he has in the past sacrificed much for our convenience, we still have in him a ready sympathizer in our requests if they are at all reasonable.

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Two characteristics of the present time—and they are frequently closely allied—are, a spirit of toleration and a movement towards concentration of effort. We are more and more beginning to see that true culture must begin with a resolute self-effacement, with a purely receptive attitude, and that it is only by this means that we can attain to that vital criticism of a position which is virtually a criticism, of itself by itself. We have passed beyond the time when it was customary for people to

"Prove their doctrine orthodox,
By apostolic blows and knocks,
Call fire and sword and desolation,
A godly-thorough Reformation."

We are now endeavoring, not to overthrow but to rightly understand those who under different organizations and beliefs (?) are striving to bring about an end we earnestly

desire. As a result of this attitude we have already had in Canada within the different churches a union of their different branches. Now, however, an initial step has been taken towards the union of the Presbyterian and the Congregational Churches. From a more extended acquaintance, a more intelligent view of differences (?) walls that seemed to separate us have grown thin—indeed to the better spirits seemed to have passed away. After reading an account of last week's meeting in Toronto, it seems as if the main remaining difficulty is a question of detail, an arrangement of methods suitable for the changed relations. The students of Queen's welcome this movement. We believe "In union is strength" and that these united forces working in even greater harmony than in the past, would achieve a fuller success in promoting the spiritual welfare of our Canada than is possible by working independently.

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In many respects, Gen. Butler, recently deceased in the States, was a unique and remarkable man. Always a fighter in politics, controversy and war, yet he was never a great soldier; always a vigorous speaker and orator, he was so changeable in his views that he tried most all the great parties of his day. Keen, strong, gruff, yet tender, his character was a combination that was a puzzle to all. His insight was at times prophetic, and when the Rebellion was threatened, he said, "You may secede, gentlemen, but if you do there will be mourning in every Southern home." His subsequent war record is as remarkable as it is unenviable. Starting off for Washington at the head of the "Bloody Eighth," of Massachusetts, his last words were, "I'll go through Maryland, or come back in my coffin;" and the same energy that characterized his entrance into the war never left him. Bold, prompt, stern, and cruel, his reign of terror at New Orleans has made his memory a curse in many a Southern home. Yet the