

will be more in harmony with the objects of the curriculum : these will not interfere with, but, rather be in aid of the examinations for solicitor and for admission to the Bar, which will be retained.

The School is in charge of a most capable staff. The present lecturers are Messrs. W. A. Reeve, Q.C. ; E. D. Armour, Q.C. ; A. H. Marsh, Q.C. ; J. King, Q.C. ; and Mr. McGregor Young. Mr. Reeve has been at the head of the School since its organization. He gives his whole time and energies to the work of teaching and management, and has proved an able and painstaking Principal. Two of his colleagues, Messrs. Armour and Marsh, have been connected with the School for some years past ; they are prominent members of the Bar, whose special qualifications for their duties are universally admitted. Mr. King, who was appointed to the staff in June last, and whose abilities and experience are widely known, is a decided acquisition to the School. Mr. Young, who was also appointed in June, is a member of the Bar, whose acknowledged fitness for this position will be sensibly felt in the work of instruction. The principalship is a permanent appointment : the other four lectureships are tenable for three years, and the incumbents are eligible for reappointment by the Benchers in convocation. There are also three examiners who are elected triennially by the Bench, and who are not eligible for re-election. The present examiners are Messrs. A. C. Galt, W. D. Gwynne, J. H. Moss, and M. H. Ludwig. Heretofore the lecturers have had no voice in the examinations, but, under a recent rule, this policy has been altered, and hereafter the students will be subject to examination in the subject-matter of the lectures, as well as in the prescribed text-books. This change has been well ordered and cannot fail to be productive of good results. The former practice of excluding the teachers from any share in the examinations, was, to say the least, anomalous, if not unprecedented, in an institution of this character.

Some advisable changes have also been made in the text-books of the curriculum. Dr. Maclaren's work on "Bills and Notes" has been substituted for Chalmers' handbook on the same subject. Mr. Marsh's "History of the Court of Chancery" has been added to the first year course, and Mr.

W. H. P. Clement's "Law of the Canadian Constitution" to the third year course. These are proper recognitions, for a worthy purpose, of native Canadian literature. To all who are interested in this institution and the splendid preparatory training which it affords for the practice of a useful and honorable profession, it is satisfactory to know that it has entered upon another year of its work under such favorable conditions.—HISTORICUS.

THE WISDOM OF NATURE.

I.

A Voice went crying through the Night :
 "Lift up thy head, O Man, and see,
 While grope thy fellows toward the light,
 The quiet stars above them be.
 Blind brawlers, for some petty mastery,
 Your battle-smoke shall never dim their
 shining,
 Their knowledge is too high for your
 divining."

II.

Dark mountains, dipping to the great
 Grey wilderness that meets the dawn,
 What beacon on your brows elate
 Blazed for a moment, and is gone !
 What whisper of a God perchance hath
 drawn
 The clustering clouds to hearken and to
 see,
 And hold communion with Eternity ?

III.

When shall the Sea the secret yield,
 Of Him who spake to it of old,
 And Being's Cause, yet unrevealed,
 To that First Silence did unfold :
 The inarticulate deep shall ever hold
 And shall repeat the secret o'er and o'er
 In mystic murmurs, brooding evermore.

IV.

On Life's hard highway, oft bespread
 With dust of care and mire of pain,
 By weary bending of the head
 To pluck slight wisdom we are fain.
 But our dull scroll shall clear revision
 gain,
 When we come home to Nature, and her
 peace,
 Where all the tempest of the soul shall
 cease.

—HENRY MARMADUKE RUSSELL.