

position of influence in any land. It is in his position as theological principal that he has shown best capacity for work. There are no more enthusiastic advocates of missionary effort than Principal Macvicar, who is a great believer in organized effort, and the friends of missions in Hamilton are to be congratulated upon having a visit from him."

It seems that a movement is on foot at Queen's College, Kingston, to publish a collection of college songs. We hope that it will not be as badly bungled as the McGill "song book" was. While they are at it why not bring out something that may be appropriately used all over Canada? We know it would be appreciated in Toronto at least, for we are told that the only song the students there can sing is the horribly mangled remains of "Old Grimes." We are sorry to see that the proposed book is to be labelled "cheap edition." That is a decided mistake. It would in the long run be cheaper to print *the music with all the parts* to each and every song, charging a fair price, adorning the volume with a handsome exterior and making it an "Inter-collegiate Edition."

OUR columns bear evidence of the great popularity of Dr. Macnish's scholarly lectures on Gaelic literature and poetry. From the number of contributions that crowd upon us, we are inclined to believe that Gaelic must eventually be the "language of Paradise!" Dr. Macnish's lectures last week were largely attended by students and learned ladies from the city, and were extensively reported in the daily newspapers.

### At Other Colleges.

WE have been trying to effect an arrangement whereby we might present to our readers occasional correspondence from all the theological colleges in the Dominion, but thus far our efforts have not proved very successful. However, a treat may be expected soon from Halifax College, for, thanks to the services of the genial editor of the *Presbyterian Witness*, we have secured some of the students themselves as our "special correspondents." We take this opportunity of thanking our friends at "Pine Hill" for the *practical* interest they have shown for the JOURNAL in the form of subscriptions. Would that their example were more contagious!

HERE is a little item of interest to Montrealers, which we clip *in extenso* from *Queen's College Journal*: "The Rev. J. S. Black gave a lecture in Convocation Hall on Friday, the 16th, under the auspices, and in behalf of the Missionary Association. The subject was 'Crotchets and Fallacies,' and was the best thing of the kind given in Kingston for a long time. Mr. Black took off the crotchets of politicians, æsthetes, the professional men and others very forcibly, and interlarded his remarks with 'good ones' told in the drollest manner, which kept the

audience in continual laughter. The attendance was not large." That last sentence would have stood omission from our facetious contemporary's columns. The lecture referred to was delivered here last winter under the auspices of our Students' Missionary Society, and we rejoice to learn that it is appreciated wherever it goes as much as it was in Montreal.

"The number of students at the University of Edinburgh is yearly increasing, the number this session being 2,800. This is an increase of 50 over that of last session."

THE young lady students at the Presbyterian College in Ottawa, Canada, learned a few days ago that a poor woman, who obtained a living for herself and children by washing, was laid up by sickness; and the next morning they went to her house, did the washing and ironing for her, and sent the clothes home.—*Philadelphia Presbyterian*.

THERE are 537 students at Princeton University.

### Trifles.

NOTES OF A MONDAY ADDRESS BY PRINCIPAL MACVICAR.

GENTLEMEN,

Seven years ago I delivered an address on the grand requisites to success in the work of the ministry. To-day I wish to mention some things so small, at least in the estimation of many, that I can find no better name for them than "Trifles." When I have done you can judge how far it is wise to reckon them such.

1. *In the pulpit and on the platform.*—There is a right and a wrong way of entering the pulpit. Is it wise to enter it with so much dash, or so much indecision, so much apparent self-sufficiency, or such an utter want of self-reliance as to prejudice the people against you at the outset? Once in it some men attack the Bible with a want of reverence and rudeness which attract unfavorable attention. They exhibit a restless, peevish, discontented temper, as if criminals in the dock waiting sentence of condemnation. And such a sentence is often passed upon them before they descend. It is surely undesirable to be adjudged a dandy or a boor in the pulpit or on the platform; it is better to pass as a well-bred gentleman, better for the preacher, and better for the gospel which he preaches. But the minister who occupies his attention with his beard and necktie and gloves, or who tilts back his chair on the platform and flings his legs across one that chances to be before him, is not likely, in certain circles at least, to be awarded this distinction.

Attitudes in preaching are sometimes grotesque. *There is the boxing attitude.* I knew a minister who regularly receded in the pulpit and then came forward, left side first, with fists clinched, and arms in the position of those of a trained pugilist, and, at the same time, screamed violently as if rushing into some deadly fray. Surely not the very best way of declaring the gospel of peace.