

THE Prussian Ministry of Education has issued new regulations with regard to subjects that should, and that should not, be taught in public schools. In lessening the limits of natural science, the Minister observes that an acquaintance with the hypotheses of Darwin and others is not required, and that such subjects should be entirely excluded from the regular course of instruction in natural science.—*The Academy*.

JOHN BULL is so convinced of his intentions being pure and his mission holy, that when he goes to war and his soldiers get killed, he does not like it. In newspaper reports of battles you may see at the head of the telegrams: "Battle of ——. So many of the enemy killed, so many British massacred." You will find in England people who will tell you that Nelson was *assassinated* at the battle of Trafalgar.—*Max. O'Rell*.

HERE are the spectacles through which *Acta Victoriana* looks at students of the First Year:—"Nearly all Freshmen are conceited. It is natural for them to be so. While preparing for matriculation, they were the senior pupils of some High School or Collegiate Institute, and gradually formed the idea that they were extremely clever, and this idea breathes forth in every word and gesture. If such young men were not checked, this idea would keep on developing, and by the time of graduation the presence of the students would be intolerable. Hence we see the necessity of an antidote or remedy of some kind which fortunately we have, and it is no other than that misrepresented and abused practice—Hazing."

A CURIOUS action is pending in the Sheriff's Court at Glasgow. Professor Caird has applied for an injunction to restrain a bookseller from publishing a pamphlet entitled, "Aid to the Study of Moral Philosophy, especially designed for students." The book is said to be a shortened report of the professor's lectures taken verbatim by some students attending them. The lectures were delivered from MSS. notes, and Prof. Caird is evidently afraid of how they will look in print, for he says they are "ignorantly taken down" and the book will be "misleading." The Sheriff granted an interim injunction. An act, passed in William IV's reign, gives a copyright to lectures, but not lectures delivered in a university.—*Exchange*.

MR. McALL recently opened his *eightieth* mission hall in France. There were, in April, 1880, scarcely more than half the number in operation, so that, in the short space of three years, the number of gospel halls has been all but doubled. Many more could be opened, were men and means at the disposal of the Committee. There are now thirty-three of these halls in Paris alone. At the one recently opened, two hundred were present. Another effort of a novel character was made during the summer by Mr. McAll, with the greatest success. A vessel was hired at Calais, for the purpose of preaching the gospel in

it. Two meetings were daily held in it for two months, when it was filled with hearers, and some blessed results reaped.—*Record*.

THE *Monthly* does not go outside of its province, when it draws attention to the movement lately set on foot by the students of the various Theological Colleges for the formation of an "Inter-Collegiate Missionary Alliance." Every well-directed effort towards loving co-operation between the various denominations is to be hailed with satisfaction. Christianity is true to its Founder only when it seeks unity in spirit and in effort; and although the avowed aim of the "Alliance" is simply "the fostering of an active interest in, and consecration to the cause of home and foreign missions on the part of theological students, both as prospective missionaries and prospective pastors," it is not to be doubted that true Christian charity will be largely promoted by participation in the work of the new organization.—*Canada Educational Monthly*.

AN esteemed contemporary that keeps a column for "questions and answers" was asked the other day to wrestle with the following:—"Has the officiating preacher authoritative right to choose and use hymns adapted to his subject, or is it the prerogative of the choir leader to ignore the choice of the preacher and compel him to use hymns previously chosen by the leader?" Now just fancy the state of opinion that makes such a question possible. Evidently some "choir leader" thought that it was not only his prerogative to "ignore" the hymns the preacher chose but also to "compel" the preacher to use hymns selected by the choir leader whether they were adapted to the service or not. The best way to settle that difficulty would be to ignore the preacher altogether and have the choir leader conduct the whole service. A church with a musical man like that needs nobody else as long as he is there.—*Canada Presbyterian*.

THE *Canada Presbyterian* calls attention to the desirableness of consolidating our Presbyterian Colleges. Theoretically the thing ought to be done. Practically it cannot be done. Would Knox College come to Montreal? Would the Montreal College come to Toronto? Would both consent to meet at Kingston and coalesce with Queen's? If these problems were solved then, it would not be hard to dispose of the institutions at Quebec and Halifax. The time to consolidate has not come. We think it very likely that it never will come. The probability is that wealthy men will follow the noble example of Mr. Maclaren and Mr. Morrice and freely endow all the Chairs our Colleges need. Our country will increase rapidly in population and wealth and the best services of all our Colleges will be required. However, should consolidation be seriously attempted with due regard to the peace of the Church, we are confident that it will be very candidly considered so far as the Maritime Provinces are concerned.—*Halifax Presbyterian Witness*.