

SECTARIAN COLLEGE GRANTS.

Our readers will hardly need to be informed of the result of the recent agitation upon this question. Never was there a more ridiculous illustration of the "*montes parituriunt*," &c. The petitions presented in favor of such grants were far outnumbered by petitions far more numerously signed against them. Several members of the Legislature declared that many persons who had signed petitions in support of these grants, had done so through misrepresentations made to them, and had, on discovering their error, signed the counter-petitions. And, still more remarkable, the *Globe* declares that, "not a single member of the House had a word to say in favor of the Collegiate grants as distributed for the last fifteen years and more. Both the mover and the seconder of the resolution which brought on the debate distinctly avowed this; as did all those who spoke on the same side of the question. The fact of itself is very gratifying, and taken in connection with the resolution, as amended by Mr. Blake—which was adopted all but unanimously in a full house—tells very unmistakably, as we anticipated, that the days for state subsidies to religious denominations have, in Ontario, come to an end. Even the four who finally voted *Nay* to the motion carried, were careful to proclaim that they did not do so because they were favourable to the principle that "Denominational Colleges ought to be supported by State aid." On this then—the all-important point involved in the whole discussion—there is not a dissenting voice in the Legislature of this Province. The Premier is supported in his resolution of last session, not by an overwhelming majority, but by the whole House." A defeat so overwhelming and ignominious has, without doubt, settled the vexed question forever!

THE ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS.

Mr. Leeming writes us to say that the responses to his letter in the December number have been truly gratifying. "I have made arrangements," he says, "by which I hope every minister who has written to me will receive either the "*Christian World*," or the "*English Independent*" during 1869. Many of the letters are very touching and valuable." There has been, as formerly, a good deal of irregularity in the transmission of the papers from one to another, most of which Mr. Leeming thinks rests with the Post-Office, although some of it is evidently chargeable to the neglect of ministers in not mailing them promptly according to rule. It is to be hoped that brethren will be more careful in time to come.

Mr. Leeming still kindly offers to furnish the English "Year-Book" to ministers at 25c. per copy (below cost,) if application be made in time. But as the Canadian postage is very heavy (26c. per copy,) these must be called for at his office at Montreal.

UTTERANCES : ARE THEY WORTH ANYTHING ?

SOME speak and act as though they were not. "Actions speak louder than words," and "Words are but wind," are familiar proverbs, which have, perhaps, deterred some from speaking out what their hearts have felt. Professions are sometimes worthless. Words are sometimes the vehicles of falsehood and the expressions of hypocrisy. Sometimes, however, they are sincere, and when they are the honest declaration of the heart's feelings, they stimulate those feelings by a reflex influence on the speaker.

The influence of utterances on the speaker is often overlooked. Our words often feed and influence our emotions, while by silence we stifle them.