

fessional." Such a statement springs either from unpardonable ignorance or from extreme narrow-mindedness and consequently deserves no comment. We read in the *McGill Fortnightly* that Mr. Graham holds companionship with Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Schwegler etc., etc.; from the wildness of the gentleman's assertions it would seem that "much learning hath made him mad."

The ex-man of the *Niagara Index*, anent a criticism passed by us on the Q. C. Journal, says:—

"The championing of this paper by the 'Owl' may of course be due to patriotism or to individual literary taste, but under the circumstances there is a suspicion at least, of something else." Pray, what are we to understand by this suspicion you entertain? State clearly what you mean; if you mean nothing say nothing and oblige.

The following suggestions made by the editors of the *Argosy* to their Alma Mater's, graduating class meet with our hearty approbation. "1st, That in the month of May the senior class shall elect one of their members as class secretary. 2nd, said secretary shall be kept informed in regard to the address of each member of the class for one year from the term of graduation. 3rd, When the graduating anniversary comes around, said secretary shall write to each member of the class requesting a letter stating more or less fully the general experience of the year. 4th, Said letters are to be forwarded to the secretary not later than one month after date of notice. 5th, Said secretary shall take the most interesting and important fact from said letters and weave them into an article which shall be published in the first issue of the *Argosy* for the ensuing year. 6th, Said article is to be forwarded to the editor in chief of the *Argosy* not later than one week after the University opens."

In the *Central College Gem* is an interesting article entitled the "Bible in the Public Schools." We do not agree with all the thoughts therein expressed, but we congratulate the writer on the manner in which he unfolds his sentiments. Says the author: "Shall the state tax fathers and mothers and dot the country with school-houses, and fill the seats of the

learned with men and women to whom they say: 'Teach them the books prescribed by the law. Let the Bible alone. There is death in the pot'. We dare not teach this part of the human being. His learning on this score, we leave to Luck or Providence as the case may be. If you wish to educate men's consciences institute a judicious but wily system of smuggling, give your doses stealthily, as you would poison, and leave results to the state." Continuing he says: "Avaunt with such reasoning in a nation that professes to be a leader in christianity. This is morality on an infidel platform."

### SOCIETIES.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Senior Debating Society, on Feb. 2nd, Messrs. I. French, '93, and W. Lee, '96, for the affirmative, and Messrs. T. Rigny, '95, and J. Garland, '96, for the negative, discussed the question: "Resolved that the World's Fair at Chicago should open Sundays." By a close vote, the affirmative won.

The Seniors invited the members of the Classical Course to an entertainment the following week; they came *en masse*, and the verdict was that they had spent a very enjoyable evening. The programme was varied and interesting, and showed to advantage the talent to be found among the senior debaters. It was as follows:

Mr. W. Cavanagh, speech; Mr. T. A. White, reading; Mr. T. Rigney, song; Mr. Jos. McDougal, reading; Mr. H. Canning, speech; Mr. J. Smith, recitation; Coyne Brothers, dialogue; Mr. L. Kehoe, speech; Mr. E. Cornell, reading; Mr. J. O'Brien, clarinet solo; Mr. J. Murphy, speech; Mr. Frank McDougal, recitation; Mr. P. Cullen, reading. Mr. Alex. Kehoe played the accompaniments.

On Feb. 26th the subject under discussion was: "Resolved that the state has the right and duty to educate the citizen." Affirmative, J. P. Smith, '93, and A. Burke, '94; negative, H. Canning, '93, and H. Coyne, '94. These gentlemen reasoned closely and kept to their subject, a remark which some of our debaters should dwell upon. At times a little