

stand and to explain the distribution of plants and animals over the face of the globe, to connect their presence on their absence with the great geological, climatic and oceanic changes, so the student of literature, if he be wise, undertakes an ordered and connected survey of ideas, of taste, of sentiments, of imagination, of humor, of invention, as they affect and are affected by the ever changing experiences of human nature, and the manifold variations that time and circumstances are incessantly working in human society.

### SELECTIONS.

Father Time is a grand old purifier. As the same river that drives down into the ocean the unstable sand, polishes and beautifies the surface of the solid rock, so the years rushing on, sweep into the ocean of the forgotten past all that is worthless in our literature, leaving us only brightened and polished gems. As the wise man says, "Of making of books there is no end." How many thousands are every year taken up, read, and thrown aside—the useless fruits of many weary hours, fit only to be thrown among clips and shavings, in the kitchen wood-box. Yet nothing in this wonderful world of ours is wasted. The most stupid of us is here for some good purpose, and all this literary (?) trash serves to bring into bolder relief the grand truths presented to us by writers worthy of the name. It can do us no harm to take a handful of these, as food for thought during our moments of leisure—when we are taking our daily walk for instance.

"A sacred burden is the life ye bear,  
Look on it, lift it, bear it solemnly,  
Stand up and walk beneath it steadfastly.  
Fail not for sorrows, falter not for sin,  
But onward, upward, till the goal ye win."

—MILTON.

"Man dwells apart though not alone,  
He walks among his peers unread,  
The best of thoughts which he has known,  
For lack of listeners is not said."

"Be gentle with those who are less lucky if not more deserving. Think what right have you to be scornful, whose virtue is a deficiency of temptation, whose success may be a chance, whose rank may be an ancestor's accident, whose prosperity is very likely a satire."

"It takes some ingenuity to be excessively stupid."

—MATTHEWS.

"My mind to me a kingdom is."

—GEORGE HERBERT.

"Much of my education builds an arc and not the whole circumference of culture. Only whole wheels will roll, wherever we leave out an arc in our culture, there is likely, as the wheel rolls, to be a halt some day."

—JOSEPH COOK.

The University of Mexico is the oldest University in America, being at least fifty years older than Harvard.

We have about four times as many colleges in the United States as in Europe, and in Ohio alone there are more than in the whole of Europe.—*The Occident*.

The Board of Overseers of Harvard passed a resolution favoring the reduction of the age at which students may enter, from nineteen to seventeen years.

## COLLEGE NEWS.

### Y. M. C. A.

ON the 6th inst. a special joint-meeting of our own and the Royal Medical Associations was held in the University. The following delegates were present: Mr. Mott, Secretary of the Intercollegiate Association; Mr. Cole, Provincial Secretary of Y. M. C. As, and Dr. Webster, ex-President of the Toronto Medical College Association. Dr. Webster was the first speaker. He gave an interesting report of the origin and progress of the students' work in the Queen city. They are already supporting a Medical Missionary in China, and several of their number are studying with a view to service abroad. Dr. Webster presented in a forcible manner the claims of the foreign field, and urged the medical students to give themselves to that work. Mr. Cole spoke briefly on what he termed the "new calling" of Y. M. C. A. Secretaryship, and the splendid sphere of usefulness which it opened up for earnest young men. Mr. Mott followed with a most interesting address. He furnished statistics which showed that the College Associations are making splendid progress everywhere, and that both at home and abroad, God is abundantly blessing the organization. With telling earnestness he exhorted the men of Queen's to greater activity in face of the facts that throughout the country only an average of one in every ten students is an avowed christian, and only one in every ten of these christians systematically studies his Bible, or engages in personal work.

In the evening an informal meeting was held in the college, and a goodly number of our members availed themselves of the opportunity to meet the visitors personally.

It was quite a treat to hear these stirring addresses, and we feel sure they will not be without good results among us. On the following afternoon at the regular prayer meeting the room was literary crowded, and the service was much enjoyed. Principal Grant gave a brief address on "True Manliness."

We would call the special attention of the students to the Principal's Sunday-morning Bible Class, held in Convocation Hall at 9.45. The kindness of the Principal in taking up this additional work should be appreciated by every student, and this appreciation shewn by punctual and regular attendance. It is needless to say that the class is most interesting and instructive.

At the recent Divinity Matriculation Examination the following won prizes: The Strathern Dow, value, \$100, Neil McPherson, B.A.; Buchan, No. 1, value, \$80, John A. Black; Dominion, value, \$70, C. H. Daly, B.A.; Buchan, No. 2, J. D. Wilkie, value, \$60.

The Rev. James Ross, M.A., B.D., of Perth, lecturer in Church History, has begun his course of lectures.

Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, already well-known in Queen's, has been appointed to give a course of lectures on Homiletics during the session.