

States secures their life-work. But we will not complain. Prof. Gould in the chair of Political Economy and History, and Prof. Koyl in the chair of Physics, will make a pair of professors who will show the six hundred students of Washington what stuff Canadians are made of, and will give Victoria a *status* in the American capital. Are there any more chairs vacant?

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NEW YEAR'S DAY brought pleasure and happiness, we trust, to all of our readers; but to many the day would have been darkened by a cloud had they known that Mr. David M. Stickney followed the old year ere the merry bells had scarce died away. After a short illness of eight days this persevering young man, this true friend, this devoted teacher, quietly and contentedly passed away. Intense earnestness and overwork may have hurried somewhat his departure. We had the sad satisfaction of attending his funeral at Shannonville on Saturday, January 3rd, and witnessed the last tributes paid him by friends, pupils and relatives. Friends, young and old, are dropping all around us, and in his own words, uttered but a short time ago, we can only ask, "Who next?"

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UNIVERSITY CONFEDERATION is now before us, and the scheme open to full discussion and criticism. We have neither time nor space in this issue to deal further with the question, but shall have something to say in our next. At present the attitude seems to be—Wycliffe, Knox, McMaster, and St. Michael's in hearty sympathy; Victoria and Trinity agreeable *on certain conditions*; Queen's opposed, unless forced by the unanimity of the others and the desire of the Church. The opponents of confederation say that Victoria's terms are fatal to the scheme; the friends of confederation foretell the sure success and final consummation of the scheme. Opposition among Victorian alumni will come from older graduates rather than from the younger. But we must await another issue, when we hope to deal more fully with this important matter.