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"THE Senatus Academicus of the University of Edinburgh has appointed Dr. Hutchison Stirling to the Gifford Lectureship on Natural Theology for a period of two years. Dr. Stirling will probably enter on his duties in the course of next winter's session."

This piece of information, for which we are indebted to the London Academy, will be good news to all who are interested in the advance of religious thought. To Dr. Stirling philosophy in England and on this continent is much indebted. His Secret of Hegel is a work of great moment, which ought to be read by every student of philosophy. Even those who think that Hegel might be made more intelligible to the average mind cannot but admit that it is full of

suggestion. Nor is the *Carlylese*, which is a mark of Dr. Stirling's style, to be regarded as altogether a misfortune. We can quite understand how Emerson should have preferred it to the style of most philosophical writers of the present day, on the ground that it was at least literary. For the rest, Dr. Stirling is sure to deal with theism in an illuminating and stimulating way. The University of Edinburgh is to be congratulated on this somewhat tardy acknowledgment of Dr. Stirling's claims as a teacher.

 $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{E}$  call the attention of all interested in raising the standard of University education in the Province to the slightly onesided correspondence, which will be found in another column, between the Senates of Queen's and Toronto. The advocates of confederation, consolidation, or whatever other name has been given from time to time to the darling notion of "one University in Ontario" have rested their case mainly on the argument that only thus could the standard of matriculation and other University examinations be raised. Granting that this is a desirable object, evidently we must begin with matriculation, and it is also of most importance to make it thorough. Let the entrance examination to Universities be a year in advance of what it is now while the time required to obtain a degree remains the same, and every one would admit that much had been gained. Probably all would be gained that could be desired for some time to come. Now, it is well known that some of the loud talking men of Toronto