

a pluralized abbreviation for *Martyres*, the Graeco-Latin of our word Martyrs. The inscription read in this light would signify, "Ursula and the Eleven Virgin Martyrs"—a simple enough expression, and pointing to an occurrence unhappily only too intelligible.

A European tourist, an account of whose travels has lately appeared in one of our religious journals, had evidently never been informed of the true meaning of the inscription, or he would not have perplexed his readers and himself, as he did, with an attempted explanation.

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Wolfville, Nov. 20th, '79.

## Literary and Educational Notes.

The University of Virginia has 325 new students

Two of Longfellow's daughters are pursuing the Harvard course of study for women.

Harvard has lately had the good fortune to receive a bequest amounting to about half a million of dollars,—the largest in its history.

The "Chandos Classics," in large and clear type, are now offered at the remarkably low price of sixty cents.

We learn that two vols., descriptive of Gen. Grant's late tour in the East, are soon to be published by subscription.

It is announced that *Forster's Life of Swift* (of which only one volume was published during Mr. Forster's life) is to be completed from material accumulated by the author.

Prof. J. B. Mayor is to publish very soon, the first volume of an edition of Cicero's *De Natua Deorum* with an introduction and notes designed to illustrate ancient philosophy.

*Thomas De Quincey: His Life and Writings*, by H. A. Page. This volume has the reputation of being the best work that has yet been written on the life of the great master of English prose.

*The History of the Zulu War*, by Miss Colenso, daughter of the Bishop of Natal, is now in the hands of a London publisher. It is expected that this book will be an impartial account of the late great struggle in South Africa.

The Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J.

offers a Hebrew Fellowship with six hundred dollars to the best scholar in the graduating class, with the understanding that the student gaining the prize shall spend a year at Princeton in the further study of Hebrew.—*Ec. & Ch.*

## Mosaics

D. Jerrold's definition of dogmatism: "Grown-up puppyism."

Going to law is losing a cow for the sake of a cat.—*Chinese Proverb.*

An idler is a watch that needs both hands, As useless if it goes as when it stands.  
—*Cowper.*

Our estimate of a character always depends much on the manner in which that character affects our interests and passions.  
—*Macaulay.*

No heart is pure that is not passionate; no virtue is safe that is not enthusiastic.—*Prof. Seelye.*

A certain pliancy of disposition in regard to innocent prejudices and defects, is what in our intercourse with the world, good sense necessarily requires of us.—*Dr. Campbell*

Truth is the gem for which the wise man digs the earth, the pearl for which he dives into the ocean, the star for which he climbs the heavens,—the herald and the guardian of moral and political progress.—*Lord John Russell.*

Under the eye of my teacher I read my Bible morning, noon, and night, and have ever since been a happier and better man for such reading.—*Burke.*

Virgil likens the care he bestowed on his writings to the work of a she bear "licking her cubs into shape."

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