

until the resources of the Board become more nearly adequate to its work. To secure, if possible, some temporary relief, the Rev. Dr. Norman was requested to wait upon the Finance Committee of the City Council, and ask a slight change in the mode of paying the School-tax over to the School Boards. The Rev. Canon Norman and the Rev. Dr. Jenkins were instructed to wait on the Hon. J. A. Mousseau, and to explain to him the circumstances and the needs of Protestant education in Montreal.

McGill University Gazette.—We are glad to see that the students of McGill University have started the *Gazette* again. Its reissue is a sign that the *alma mater* has taken a new lease of life. The editorial committee is composed of two members from each of the faculties, under the presidency of Professor Moyse. The first number is well up to the mark and contains, among other contributions from outsiders, an humorous paper from the pen of one of our lady teachers, with whose insinuating style our own readers are by this time probably familiar. We can only add that we wish the *University Gazette* plenty of subscribers and—contributors.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Oxford and Cambridge.—The two Universities are unlike anything else in the world, and they are very like one another. Nevertheless they have their points of dissimilarity. One such point, in particular, cannot fail to arrest notice. Both Universities have told powerfully upon the mind and life of the nation. But the University of Oxford, of which I am a member, and to which I am deeply and affectionately attached, has produced great men, indeed, but has above all been the source or the centre of great movements. We will not now go back to the middle ages; we will keep within the range of which is called modern history. Within this range, we have the great movements of Royalism, Wesleyanism, Tractarianism, Ritualism, all of them having their source or their centre in Oxford. You (at Cambridge) have nothing of the kind. The movement taking its name from Charles Simeon, is far, far less considerable, than the movement taking its name from John Wesley. The movement attempted by the Latitude men in the seventeenth century, is next to nothing as a movement; the men are everything. And this is, in truth, your great, your surpassing, distinction: not your movements, but your men. From Bacon to Byron, what a splendid roll of great names you can point to! We, at Oxford, can show nothing equal to it. Yours is the University, not of great movements, but of great men. Our experience at Oxford disposes us, perhaps, to treat movements, whether our own, or extraneous movements such as the present movement for revolutionizing education, with too much respect.