

country at large. With reason or without it the people of Canada have been complaining for the past few years that there is no use in Canadians, however well qualified, applying for professorships in Canadian universities. They are put aside for foreigners. The complaint is made, further, that the foreigners who are set over our students have no sympathy with us or with our customs. They are unable to look at life from the Canadian standpoint, and for this reason no place is found for the sympathy which should exist between professor and students.

It is further pointed out that Canadian youth should be developed along the lines of Canadian life and thought; whereas the importation of foreign professors has quite the contrary effect.

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No such objections can be made, however, to Prof. Alexander. He is a Canadian by birth, and largely by education. He is at present Professor in a Canadian university, so that he has had experience in teaching Canadian young men. He is able to see things from their standpoint; and he will be listened to with all the more affection and attention because of these facts. Prof. Alexander is still a young man, being only 34 years of age. He is a B.A. of London University and a Ph.D. of John Hopkins; so that he has had the twofold advantage of an English and an American education. To Prof. Alexander personally as well as to the University of Toronto we extend our warmest congratulations.

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There was quite a flutter in Ottawa society a few days since over the blackballing of the newly-elected Mayor of the city in one of the fashionable clubs. This club has among its members a large number of civil service men. These exquisites, who are continually aping the social and other customs of the Old Land, were indignant that a common, vulgar Mayor, should aspire to the honor of membership with them. They had to draw the line somewhere, you know, and they drew it at a Mayor. He had the indecency to be engaged "in trade." His honor, who is not in the habit, apparently, of turning his left cheek to those who have smitten him on the right, is evening things up in a unique and charming fashion. Being a large furniture dealer, "he has many of these club men on his books. He has just served summonses on each of them, and says he will see if these exclusives can pay club-fees and serve club-dinners and leave their debts unpaid. One civil servant is indignant, and is going around exhibiting his Division Court summons as an example of the lowness of these tradespeople."

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Certainly it is very reprehensible on the part of the Mayor; but, if we had any shekels to throw away in the line of a mild bet, we would like to pile them up serenely on His Honor. Seriously, the C. S. men deserve all that the Mayor can give them and more. The good they do

the community or the nation at large is infinitely less than that of those low people—the tradesmen. They do less work for more pay than any other class of day-laborers which the Government employs; and yet they are forever sneering at the country and its customs. Putting everything else out of consideration, however, their blackballing the Mayor of the city was in execrable taste; and we think that the present experience will be apt to prevent a repetition of their pleasantry in the case of "Tradesmen" in the future.

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We congratulate the University on its acquisition of Mr. Gunn, the new tutor in moderns. The trustees could not have made a better choice. The gentleman in question has spent a large portion of his life in France and Germany, and can speak and write French and German with as much grace and fluency as English. Further than this, he has had practical experience as a teacher of these languages both in the Kingston Collegiate Institute and elsewhere, and his teaching has been from beginning to end an unqualified success. We only hope that the University can see its way clear to giving Mr. Gunn such a salary as will keep him with us for good.

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We hear from time to time complaints from the A.M.S. of lack of funds for this and that object. We are wasting money every year to an extent that is nothing short of reckless with any society which is not rolling in government bonds and bank notes. The JOURNAL would suggest that the curators of the Reading room take care of the papers of various kinds which come in, and at the end of each term hold an auction, selling them off to the highest bidder. By this means we think that quite an addition would be made to the finances of the society.

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We have pleasure in presenting to our readers in this issue a paper by Miss Anderson on The Stage and Society from the current number of *The North American Review*. Altogether apart from its bearing upon the points in question, it is pregnant with lessons to those who are preparing to enter upon any great profession. It will apply with equal force to all. There is no such a thing as true and abiding success for any man or any woman in any branch of human endeavor which is not built upon protracted faithful effort in that particular line. And if those who are aspiring to greatness in dramatic art take into account everything which can be utilized in the practice of that art, how necessary is it that our students who are preparing for the great professions should see to it that they neglect nothing which can extend their sphere of usefulness or elevate the character of that profession when they have entered upon it. And among those other subjects which cannot fail to be of abiding service to legal and Church students is this very dramatic art which Miss Anderson's own genius adorns.