

moral culture which is in itself the greatest prize. He requested all students to have confidence in the course of study marked out for them, to have confidence in those appointed to assist them in the prosecution of their studies, and to devote themselves fully to their work. As we listened to his soul-stirring words, we could not and would not suppress the earnest wish that Canada may ever secure such instructors for her sons."

REWARD OF LABOR.

EVERY man has a work to do which is necessary to the well-being of the community, and no man has the right to act on any other principle than work first and wages second. Least of all should students of science make their banker's book the criterion of being on the right road. Your country will likely give you enough to keep body and soul together; she may give you luxury and honor; she may give you poverty and neglect. If so, you will fare no worse than many better men. The world seldom rewards the best work with money. Locke was banished as a traitor, and wrote his *Essay on the Human Understanding* sheltering himself in a Dutch garret. Milton was not rich nor at his ease when he composed *Paradise Lost*; not only low, but fallen from a height; not only poor, but impoverished—in darkness and with dangers compassed round, he sang his immortal song, and then was paid for it at the easy rate of £5. "The prisoner's allowance," said Richter, "is bread and water, and I often had only the latter—but," he adds, "what is poverty? The pain of it is but as the pain in piercing the ears of a maiden, and you hang jewels in the wound." In science, the man who discovered the telescope and first revealed the heavens was paid with a dungeon: the man who invented the microscope and first revealed the earth died of starvation, driven from home. Kepler, one of the greatest astronomers of any age, worked out the motions of the heavenly bodies in a dreadfully painful manner. Sixty times did he go over the calculations, and was rewarded neither with honor nor cash. He had nothing but