

out a long list of interjections, which only carry along with them the idea that the writer had thought himself humorous, but had signally failed. We sometimes see half a column filled with about two dozen senseless expressions, which, if they have any significance, it must be known only to the author himself. Then it is apt to give a low idea of the intellectual status of students to whom the ejaculations are directed. In case some of our readers do not know what we mean we will inflict on them a few examples—"Yes!; No!; Go 'way.; Subscribe—Subscribe for—Subscribe for the—Subscribe for the—; Rain!; Snow!; Pshaw!; How is that for high?; Brace up!; Didn't I tell you?;" and so on *ad infinitum*.

Having delivered this lecture we can turn to a paper in which one never sees this sort of thing. The *Columbia Spectator* is always characterized by good taste. Its society cartoons are seldom wanting in point, and its make up admirable. We heard it said lately that "the *Spectator* had put on a new suit of clothes—of the convict pattern." That is one way of looking at it; but though the *Spectator's* selection of ribbons is perhaps not in the best taste, a little vanity is excusable, when there's a pretty face to be shown off.

"We are inexpressibly sorry that our locals do not suit the QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL; we are, unfortunately, supposed to write for students of Victoria what we think will suit them, or we might follow our contemporary's example and *gush* over and butter every thing, good, bad and indifferent."—*Acta Victoriana*.

Any less sensitive person than the local editor of the *Acta* would have understood that we merely spoke of his nonsense from an outsider's point of view. We did think that the chatter which he was at one time wont to incorporate in his columns, was out of place in such a good paper as the *Acta*, and we were not alone in this respect. We might also say that when the writer gravely says that he writes this kind of thing for the Victoria students because he thinks it will suit them, it strikes an outsider as being a reflection on the Vics. But is he not assuming to much? However, the *Acta* shows a marked improvement in this respect. As to that part of the above article which has reference to ourselves it is merely a "glittering generality," and probably the *Acta's* way of making a repartee.

As we remarked before, the *Acta* is "the very model of a modern college journal." It is above all things the organ of its own college; yet it is extremely well informed in general college news. We must thank it for its kindly notice of us, and hope to receive it next month, in its promised new suit of clothes.

THE *Canadian Spectator*, though edited by a clergyman, is peculiar to a surprising extent. It especially likes to have a reputation for liberality. In the number for last week this feature is especially noticeable in the attempt to prove Bernhardt a model of womanly behaviour. The opinions in this article are what have been given out by a portion of the American press for some time past. The *Spectator* also publishes an agnostic letter which was refused insertion by the *Star* and *Post*. The Freethinkers will applaud this action and slap the *Spectator* on the back and Mr. Bray will be happy.

MINISTER, in his sermon: "And thus will it be to infinity—oh, infinity!" Sleeping '83 man forgets himself and sings out: "∞ O ∞?—Hexahedron; chuck me another"—*Col. Spectator*. That reminds us of a man in Queen's last year who affirmed impressively that two axes of a certain crystal would intersect in eternity.

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS.

James Ross, B.A.; Rev. J. C. Cattnach, B.A., and A., B. McCallum, B.A., have sent in theses for the degree of M.A. The new regulations regarding the taking of M.A. do not come in force till after the Convocation in April, 1882, so that men who did not take honors in the old days have still twelve months grace.

PERSONAL.

THE resignation of the Rev. Dr. Bain, of Perth, has been reluctantly received by the Presbytery, and an exceedingly complimentary address has been presented to the worthy Doctor by that body. His retiring allowance is \$1,200 a year. Dr. Bain is a B.A. of '45, and has been a trustee from time immemorial. We understand he will take up his residence in Kingston.

It is believed that the Rev. John Black, D.D., '76, of Kildonan, Man., is the dark horse for the Moderatorship of the next General Assembly, which meets in Convocation Hall in June next.

THE REV. JAMES AWDE, B.A., '79, last session took a prize for an essay on the philosophy of Sir William Hamilton. The essay was thought to be of such extraordinary merit, that Mr. Awde was invited to deliver the essay in the form of lectures to the students of philosophy. This he did while here as University preacher. We might also say that Mr. Awde's preaching took people by storm.

THE REV. G. J. CAIE, B.A., '61, formerly of St. Stephen's Church, St. John, N.B., is minister of Forfar—one of the largest parishes in Scotland, in which there are some 2,000 communicants on the roll.

REV. WILLIAM MAXWELL, for the last three years assistant to the Rev. Wm. Dunn, of Cardross, has been ordained his colleague and successor. Among those who took part in the ordination service were two distinguished ex-Canadian ministers—Rev. Dr. Story, of Rosneath, for some time assistant-minister of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, and Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, of Canonbie, formerly Principal of Queen's University at Kingston. Mr. Dunn has been for forty-three years the Minister of Cardross. In this parish the venerable Dr. Cook, of Quebec, commenced his ministerial career half a century ago.—*Record*.

CHAS. F. IRELAND, B.A., '66, Treasurer, shows his attachment to his Alma Mater by building a residence facing the College.

IN Kingston, which was formerly such a hotbed for law students, there is a dearth at present. The only ones at present are D. M. McIntyre, B.A., and Wm. Mundell B.A. This state of things will be changed when '81 graduates.

P. C. MCGREGOR, B.A., '66, is now occupying the position of Head Master of the Brockville High School.

ARCHIBALD MCMURCHY, B.A., '75, late Head Master of the Pembroke High School, attended lectures in the Royal College for the latter half of this session.

REV. PROF. WEIR, of Morin College, Quebec, formerly Professor of Classics in Queens, has been made an LL.D., by his Alma Mater, the University of Aberdeen.

THE appointment of Dr. Lafferty, '71, as Medical Superintendent of the Canada Pacific Railway with a salary