

aries to where there are souls to be saved, where we are wanted, where we are most wanted, full of confidence, as knowing that providence will work with us and watch over us. Then shall the Kingdoms of the world become the Kingdoms of Christ; towards which consummation we are now in a great measure advanced; for do not Christian potentates now hold sway over all the great nations of the globe, and over the great majority of its people. The speaker concluded with an eloquent appeal for all to labour heartily, considering the magnitude of the work, in the full confidence that the Eternal will crown our labours with success.

After the address a special collection on behalf of the University Missionary Association was taken up, the amount realized being somewhat over forty-one dollars, of which thirty go the speaker for expenses.

#### BYSTANDER.

Perhaps historians in future ages will treasure as a souvenir of one of Canada's great men the following, which we discovered in looking over the *Montreal Daily Witness* for Dec. 1st, 1874:

#### EXTRACTS FROM CHILDREN'S LETTERS.

SCOTCH CORNERS, NOV. 28, 1874.

Dear Editor,—I am eleven years old; I live in a place called Scotch Corners, in the Township of Beckwith; I have got two subscribers for your good paper. I sent for the *Canadian Messenger* when my pa was renewing his subscription for the *Weekly Witness* on the third of November. Please send it in my name.

Yours truly,

JOHN A. SINCLAIR,

Carleton Place P.O., Ont.

Those desiring to see the original will be allowed to do so if they call on the managing editor, in whose possession the precious document now is.

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Bystander was one of the twenty or thirty who attended the late Elocution contest, and has one or two things to say in connection with it. While Mr. Rollins certainly deserved the prize so far as elocutionary merit went, he acted with very questionable taste in choosing a piece with which he had won the prize at the last public contest held by the A. M. S.

Such a proceeding is entirely opposed to all rules of professional etiquette. Two or three of the boys have told us that there are better reciters in the University than any of Friday night's competitors; the only reason as yet given for their absence is that they did not choose to compete because disapproving of the methods of the Professor of Elocution, under whose superintendence the show was conducted. This, if so, is most unfortunate. Bystander hopes that next time the difficulty will be obviated by the A. M. S. taking entire control.

BYSTANDER.

#### ELOCUTION CONTEST.

On Friday, March 25th, an entertainment, chiefly of an elocutionary nature, was given in Convocation Hall, under the auspices of Professor Connery. Owing to the lateness of the season and the fact that little advertising had been done, the audience was small.

Mr. A. E. Lavell and Mrs. Herbison sang solos most acceptably, and Mr. Connery recited a leaf from his own autobiography. The Rev. C. J. Cameron, A.M., of Brockville, had been expected to speak but was unable to be present. Messrs. Laird, Leitch, and Rollins were entered for the students' elocution contest, for which a prize of twenty-five dollars had been offered, partly given by the A. M. S. and partly collected by Mr. Connery. All three did excellently, Mr. Rollins being adjudged successful.

#### AN UP-TO-DATE STUDENT.

A few years ago there appeared at our University a youth of fine and manly appearance. He was far from being an ordinary Freshman, for, as he himself affirmed, he had a wide and varied experience, and had spent much time in close communion with Nature. He was distinguished by his profound piety, and from his too literal interpretation of Scripture he conceived that the true and only knowledge was to be found in the study of Theology. He, therefore, determined to drink only at the fountain-head. The branches of this study that gave him particular delight bear the learned names Apologetics and Exegesis. The full meaning of these names, as well as the "strong meat" for mental and