

So rich in all the forms of brilliant growths
That deck the forests of that sunny land—
The *toi toi* and the *kauri* and the palm,
The stately fern- and fragrant dragon-tree,
And many more as strange as beautiful—
And hurried quest for woodland blooms and ferns,
Bespoken by a fair young botanist,
Adown the pathless height we slowly climbed,
And, as the darkness fell, regained the town.

E. C. MACKENZIE.

THOUGHT AND LOVE.

WHAT lover of Wordsworth does not often recall with admiration that beautiful sonnet, whose only title is its own delicious opening line:

Most sweet it is, with unuplifted eyes?

We picture to ourselves the poet, with head slightly bowed and hands clasped behind his back, on some still morning, moving in slow abstraction amid the lovely scenery which surrounds the historic home at Rydal Mount. The tranquil feelings which the time and place inspire find expression in language simple, beautiful and appropriate, flowing with all the appearance of perfect naturalness and spontaneity.

Most sweet it is, with unuplifted eyes,
To pace the ground, if path be there or none,
While a fair region round the traveller lies
Which he forbears again to look upon,
Pleased rather with some fair ideal scene,
The work of fancy, or some happy tone
Of meditation, slipping in between
The beauty coming and the beauty gone.

From this exquisite portrayal of a mental condition the poet passes abruptly to the statement of a general truth, the connection of which with what has gone before is not logically expressed, but is readily felt by the sympathetic reader.

If thought and love forsake us, from that day
Let us break of all commerce with the muse.
With thought and love, companions of our way,
Whate'er the senses take or may refuse,
The mind's internal heaven will shed its dews
Of inspiration on the humblest lay.

A sense of the universal presence of love. It is this which enlightens the understanding, awakens the sympathies and enables us to see and utter truth. It is this which makes love the "companion of our way." Divorced from love, thought is blind, hopeless, cynical. Byron's poetry and character show how genius is crippled if it be not enlightened by a sense of the divine reality of love. But in Wordsworth, as in Tennyson, the union of thought and love produces the tenderness, the sincerity, the insight into the human heart and human life which make these poets so much greater than Byron. And in countless themes, the product of lesser minds, if this same union exists, an element of value will be found.

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How often does some gleam of the divine truth, with a message of hope and encouragement for the hour, flash upon us from some nameless lines, of whose origin we can affirm nothing save that here thought and love find their simple and touching expression.

THE annual elections of the Literary Institute resulted as follows: President, Mr. F. Du Moulin, B.A.; 1st Vice-President, Mr. James Chappell; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. John C. H. Mockridge; Secretary, Mr. C. H. Carleton; Treasurer, Mr. De Pencier; Librarian, Mr. Harold Robertson; Curator, Mr. E. P. O'Reilly; *Ex-officio*, Mr. H. Nevill Sanders.

College Chronicle.

THEOLOGICAL AND MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—In accordance with one of the rules in the revised constitution, which requires that one evening in every year shall be devoted to the consideration of social questions, the meeting that was held on Tuesday, March 7th, was set apart for that purpose. The attendance was large, several Arts men having availed themselves of the invitation posted for their benefit in the Hall. The essays on "The Church's Duty with regard to Social Problems," which were read by Messrs. Troop and Mockridge, were deeply interesting. It was curious to note that though they both started with exactly the same premises, they arrived at vastly different conclusions—Mr. Troop's paper breathing a very conservative spirit, while that of Mr. Mockridge urged the necessity for decisive action on the Church's part. The discussion, which was led by Mr. Little in a few eminently practical remarks, based upon personal observation and experience, was kept up for some time by Messrs. DuMoulin, Leech, Beckett, Seaborne, DePencier and Davidson. The Revs. R. J. Moore and Professor Clark also briefly addressed the meeting. The Chairman (Rev. Professor Cayley) summed up the arguments in a very impartial and judicious manner. While the meeting was not quite unanimous as to whether it lay within the Church's province to deal with the social questions of the day, it was generally conceded that the clergy, as individuals, might with advantage study such matters and even take an active part in social movements.

MISSIONARY AND THEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting for receiving reports for the past year and election of officers for the ensuing, took place on Thursday, March 16th. The Rev. the Provost occupied the chair, and amongst those present were Rev. Dr. Langtry, Rev. J. C. Roper, Rev. C. H. Shortt, and others from without our walls. Mr. Thos. Leech, B.A., the retiring secretary, presented a report showing that the Society has had an unusually active and successful year; while the treasurer, Mr. Dumbrille, handed over a fair balance to his successor. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and during the retirement of the scrutineers, reports of work were received from different men. Mr. G. F. Davidson, who deserves the greatest credit for his earnest, self-denying work at Fairbank, showed our Mission there ("St. Hilda's") to be progressing steadily and solidly. Old St. Thomas' church is on its way thither, piecemeal, to rise again for new usefulness as "St. Hilda's." By a strange coincidence its present migration was begun on the anniversary of its last one—St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Spencer followed with a report of his three months' work at Beaverton. Two Sunday services had been held with an attendance of from twenty to forty, while the Sunday school attendance nearly doubled in numbers. Mr. Powell after pointing out that, he was answerable to his rector, Rev. Canon Osler, only and not to this association, presented a bright account of progress at Eglinton, which gladdened the heart of Rev. Dr. Langtry who remembered how recently he had opened up that station, assisted by his staff of lay-workers from St. Luke's and in spite of discouraging advice, Mr. Powell has now a flourishing church and a good congregation, attendance averaging from sixty to seventy at Sunday services. Scrutineers' reports were now presented. Officers for ensuing year are: *Ex-officio* President, the Rev. Provost Body; 1st Vice-President, Rev. Prof. Rigby; 2nd Vice-President, Rev. Prof. Cayley; Secretary, Mr. G. F. Davidson; Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Baynes-Reed; Council—Mr. H. H. Bedford-Jones, M.A., Rev. A. DePensier, Rev. C. H. Shortt,