

not secure a little of the "virus" from Beecher and by a series of inoculations make some of our lightning-tongued professors see themselves as others see them. The summer holidays are now at hand and afford good time for experiment. There is room for another "Pasteur" and why should it not be a professor from the Royal? If it works successfully on the Arts professors it may also be used with good results on some of the Medical professors.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

To the Editor of the Queen's College Journal:

Much dissatisfaction has been felt by the students who do not intend to go in for the ministry, owing to the manner in which "close" scholarships are awarded. It seems very arbitrary that a distinction should be made in the awarding of scholarships between Arts students who intend going in for the ministry, and those who have not this intention. Any one would naturally suppose that the student who takes the scholarship in a class also takes first place in the standing of that class, but this is very seldom or never the case. It is plainly an injustice to the students who stand at the head of a class to have the name of the man who comes quite low down published as the scholarship man of that class.

I would suggest that "close" scholarships be no longer awarded in the Arts classes, but that they be retained in the hands of the Senate and *presented* to those students in each class whom they think deserve them; or better still let scholarships be done away with altogether. It is very desirable that some method should be adopted to remedy this unsatisfactory state of affairs.

SCHOLARSHIP.

ADDITIONS TO THE STAFF.

To the Editor of the Queen's College Journal:

Now that the session of '85-'86 has almost come to a close we can begin to look forward to the work of next term. All can see that Queen's is progressing at a wonderful rate in regard to the number of students in attendance, but we are sorry to see that the number of professors and tutors is still very limited. We are glad to find, however, that the University Endowment Association, formed for the purpose of remedying this defect, is meeting with great success in all parts of the country where branches have been formed, and also that the students themselves are taking an active part in the scheme.

I would suggest that the first addition to the professorial staff be made by the appointment of an assistant to our worthy Professor of Mathematics, N. F. Dupuis. The work of this class is altogether too much for one man, and it is really remarkable that Prof. Dupuis has stood it so long and so well. Many able mathematicians have gone out from Queen's and when an assistant pro-

fessor of mathematics is appointed by all means let him be a Queen's man. From such men as Connell, McColl, Horsey and the like, a most suitable assistant could easily be selected.

MATHEMATICUS.

DUTIES ON BIBLES.

To the Editor of the Queen's College Journal:

I want to use your columns to point out to the leaders of our University a duty which lies very near their door, but which has never yet been taken up. Let me in a few words tell the circumstance which has only now forced utterance to a conviction long before held. Subscribing for "Parker's People's Bible," a work of which many of your readers will know, I accepted the Xmas offer, ninety cents per volume, but found that, before the book was forwarded from Customs, I would have to send 16 cents. Now the annoyance and expense for even one volume was too much, but with the prospect of this being repeated 24 other times I decidedly disagreed.

There is little need of discussing at length as to its wisdom, the policy of imposing such a tax on a work like the "People's Bible." No matter what I could say it would not much strengthen a conviction so strong already that such tax is wrong in its principle and irritating in its practice. Is it not the plain duty of the representative body of our University to make its influence felt in this matter, for surely it should have some leading place in saying what spirit should influence Governments in deciding what class of books shall be taxed, and what class shall be practically free?

Over and beyond this, however, I want to call attention to the fact that Dr. Grant in some public utterances of last session announced that this very question would be taken up by a distinguished graduate now a D.Sc. of Queen's. That promised paper has never yet appeared, though the need of it has not at all become less.

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Merrickville, April 7th, 1886.

GLADSTONE AND IRELAND.

To the Editor of the Queen's College Journal:

No event now in progress the world over is attracting more universal comment than the bill recently brought forward by Mr. Gladstone, granting a form of Home Rule to Ireland. The expectancy which ushered in the introduction of the bill, the immense interest staked on the issue of the event, the triumphant march of the veteran statesman to the House of Commons, and the memorable speech he delivered on the occasion all tended to call forth a degree of interest and enthusiasm never before witnessed within the walls of ancient Westminster. Probably no event has occurred since the trial of Warren Hastings which called forth such splendor and such oratory. Whether the bill will pass or not, it is difficult to forecast, but it has certainly marked an advanced stage in British politics, when an individual, in the face of such an unrelenting antagonist and with his erstwhile trusty support-