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“ And we beseech thee,
That truth no more be gagged, nor conscience dungeoned,
Nor science be impeached of godlessness,
Nor faith be circumscribed, which as to thee,
And the soul's self affairs, is infinite ;
But that all men may have due liberty
To speak an honest mind, in every land,
Encouragement to study, leave to act
As conscience orders.”

THE Science Association of Victoria University, under whose auspices this Journal has been established, feel grateful at the reception which the Journal has received, and would tender thanks to all who have so generously assisted in promoting its welfare.

THE total wealth of the 400 American colleges and universities was, in 1880, about 40,000,000 dollars in buildings, 43,000,000 dollars in prospective funds. Are there many other investments in this land showing greater results? The interest is compounding itself. The figures seem large, but, compared with the amounts sunk in liquor, political trickery, and other vices, they dwindle into insignificance.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE.—The area of this Empire, at home and abroad, is nearly eight millions of square miles; the total population amounts to 315 millions of souls. This population, too, is increasing at the rate of 2½ millions annually; in other