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It is worthy of note that the statistics

are under great difficulties. We can

multiply such testimony indefinitely if we

but we have given enough to expose the

character of the Mail's cowardly substitute

for argument.

Here in the case in a nutshell. Five ladies

all of whom are undergraduates of the Uni-

versity of Toronto, have applied for permis-

sion to attend lectures in University college

in order to carry on their university course

to the end. For the latter years of that

course they got the tuition nowhere else.

University college is a provincial institution,

endowed by public funds and managed un-

der the authority of an act of parliament.

That statute nowhere expressly authorizes

the college council to exclude women, and it

is the purpose of the applicants and their

friends to find out whether a court of law

will declare that this power has been con-

ferred on the council by implication. The

Mail depicts such a course, but the pub-

lic will regard that matter as having been

settled long ago. These applications for ad-

mission have been repeated for three years,

and have been refused. On one of a time

complaint of the applicants has been made

to the council. If the council fails the subject

will be brought up in the legislative assembly.

If the members of University college con-

sider that they can stand the agitation which

has now begun, then certainly those who

think young girls should be permitted to

attend their lectures have nothing to fear.

THE STAGE.

Whatever objection may be taken to some

portions of the Rev. Mr. Johnston's sermon

on the stage, there can be doubt that he

made a point when he asked his hearers if

they would like to see their wives or sisters

actresses. There were probably few men in

his congregation who would honestly and

unhesitatingly have answered him in the

affirmative, and the reason is not far to

seek. The ordinary woman is assumed to be

respectable until her own conduct has shown

the contrary. But with the actress it is

left a sort of open question, and the acqui-

sition of a spotless reputation is the work

of a patient labor; and then she deems

herself happy if people say, in a patronizing

tone, that nobody has ever been able to

breathe a word against her good name.

How would a man in ordinary society like

to hear his wife or sister complimented on

being virtuous? He would regard it

simply as an insult. As an intimation that

the lady was not, like Caesar's wife, above

suspicion, but that she had been coolly tried

by a jury of her social peers, who had

concluded, after careful consideration, that

she was entitled to rank among respectable

women. This attitude of doubt is a cruel

blow to the many noble and virtuous

women who adorn the profession; but it is

nevertheless an existing fact, and one which

may well cause a man to dread the idea of

his wife or sister appearing before the foot-

lights.

Again, a woman who enters the theatrical

profession does not ordinarily begin her

career as a star, but must take her place

among the rank and file. Here she encour-

ages two dangers. She cannot avoid contact

with members of her own sex with whom

she would not otherwise care to associate;

and she cannot pick and choose the plays in

which she shall take part. A refusal to

take part in an objectionable play would in-

jure her and detract from the credit and

probability of her companions. This

brings us face to face with the question—

Is an amusement legitimate which necessitates

a kind of ostracism as well as a danger of

contamination for those who provide it? It

is at least a question worthy to be well

weighed.

DON'T SHOOT CONSULS.

That modern monster, the murderous

crank, has apparently decided to leave

presidents alone for a while and turn his

attention to the annihilation of consuls.

The man who would shoot at a consul is

about as mean and senseless as the mosquito

who bites a man's leg when there are

plenty of aldermen around. There is no

object to be gained by shooting a consul.

He is usually a literary man who is just

enjoying a few well-earned years of leisure,

or a politician whom it is advisable to put

in a place where he can do nobody any harm.

He has no estates in Ireland, and probably

none anywhere else, and he doesn't wear an

iron heel with which to grind down the

masses. Even those weak-brained sen-

timists who wear a shawl over their eyes

and subscribe to "friends" for their

defense would probably hesitate before

sending their dollars to assist a man who

had killed a consul.

The Kingston News thinks that place is

more of a student city than Toronto, it

is also developing into the greatest student

centre on the continent. It has now more

of the air of a university city than many of

the characteristic student life than many of

the college towns in Europe.

It is already known for a certainty that

in the forthcoming report of the American

post-office department stronger ground than

ever before will be taken in favor of a gov-

ernment telegraph system for the country.

And it is a coincidence that just at this

time, too, the Montreal board of trade

should give a decided expression of opinion

in favor of a telegraph line for Canada. It is

no coincidence that the new parcel post and

the reduction of telegraph rates in England

and the indication pointing in the same

direction. The truth is that in this direc-

tion the popular demand is now acting in

very strongly, on this as well as the other

side of the Atlantic, and efforts to stay the

tide will not much longer avail.

The Trader, a monthly journal of this

city devoted to the interests of the jewelry

trade, says the Globe watch deal "is an

imposition of the most transparent kind."

"Practical time-keeping qualities it (the

watch) has none." More than that, the

Trader asserts that this \$2 nickel watch

"will be sure to go when the subscriber

carries it." We can give the Globe people

the names of good old reliable reformers

who are disgusted with the Globe's

watch-peddling concern.

The Winnipeg Times and Free Press

admit that the provincial exhibition there

was a failure, and the former paper attrib-

utes the failure almost entirely to the atten-

tion of the exhibitors through the

lack of provincial exhibitors through the

country has material for a good exhibit.

This point seems to be continually lost sight

of by most people. That we cannot believe

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