

At this early stage in the discussion it may be premature to assume that any principles would be accepted by all parties. But it is quite clear that unless a measure of common ground be discovered, nothing practical can be attempted. Surely it may now be taken for granted; (1) that "all the teaching cannot be done in one place, though it may be done in connection with one University;" (2) that no one College can excel in all the departments of modern University work; (3) that no College in Ontario is up to the English or German standard; (4) that advantage should be taken of every possible form of local and voluntary effort to raise our Colleges to the required standard of excellence as regards staff, apparatus, and library; (5) that sound policy demands that we should utilize existing institutions instead of improvising new ones; and (6) that the aim of all should be not the exaltation of this or that College, but better teaching, a wider basis, and more facilities, put within the reach of the young men—and we shall add the young women—of Ontario, for the full development of the most valuable and the most potential thing in the universe,—mind.

EXPLANATION.

IN alluding to the rumour that several students intended leaving Divinity Hall for American seminaries, the issue of this paper for March 6th, 1880, mentioned the fact that the only gentleman who had already gone had left owing the JOURNAL the sum of fifty dollars. The money had been owing for two years and any correspondence regarding the matter had been unsatisfactory. The article in question created some comments, both adverse and commendatory, and the matter coming before the Alma Mater Society, the action of the Editors was sustained. The matter then rested till last meeting of the Society when the gentleman who has since returned to the College, appeared at the meeting and paid the money; and the following motion was passed: "That the Society wishes to record its sorrow at the action taken by the JOURNAL last session with regard to a former managing Editor of the JOURNAL, and this Society wishes to record its estimation for that gentleman's character." Without reference to the latter part of the motion which is foreign to the matter in hand, we must say that we unite in expressing sorrow that the article appeared; it was perhaps ill-advised as far as its spirit was

concerned. But in our own behalf we must say that the circumstances were such as would justify us in writing the article considered as a mere matter of facts.

-CONTRIBUTED.

- We wish it to be distinctly understood that the JOURNAL does not commit itself in any way to the sentiments which may be expressed in this department.

WE have received a communication from Mr. Allen Pringle, of Selby, Ont., relating to a short article which recently appeared in the JOURNAL concerning a pamphlet written by him, entitled "Ingersoll in Canada," which he distributed most generously among the students of this College and we believe of other Colleges in Canada. The letter is written in reply to "Critic's" letter in the last number *of this paper. Mr. Pringle considers himself ill-used by the reference made to his pamphlet and states that he can show testimonials from Mr. Goldwin Smith, a clergyman on the staff of Knox College, and "some of the ablest writers and best scholars in the Province," acknowledging the high literary merit of his pamphlet. Armed with such expressions of opinion as these he wishes to reply to "Critic's" strictures. Although the letter is rather abusive we would be most happy to give him space to do so if the JOURNAL were a medium in which controversies of this kind might be carried on. But it is not. It is simply a student's paper, in which they can express their opinions and which tries to reflect under-graduate feeling. The Faculty have nothing whatever to do with what may appear in its columns. When an author scatters his writings broadcast over the academical Province he must expect them to be criticised by those who differ from the statements and doctrine set forth. If the book were only to be had for money and students went out of their way to criticise it, we would perhaps be inclined to give the author of the work more latitude. As it is we are sorry that Mr. Pringle is so annoyed, but consider we are treating him perfectly fairly when we merely give the public the gist of the letter in lieu of publishing it in full.—EDS. JOURNAL.

THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR :

ALTHOUGH I am a student for a very short time, I glory in the thought of being a student at all, having as I have an exalted conception of learning, and the utmost reverence for this University. Its Professors always appear to me like the ancient Greek philosophers, Socrates, Nero, Plato or Julius Caesar. Hearing the Latin Professor conversing in the Latin of the Golden age, one might fancy one's self in the Forum at Rome, listening to the majestic eloquence of Cicero. This Mr. Editor is I trust sufficient to show you my deep love and admiration of learning, and now for my story. A friend of mine, who is a senior, was kind enough to invite me to call on him. So the other evening I dropped into his room, but he was not in. While