

given to it by the gymnastic performances at the Toronto Exhibition, given as they are under the apparent sanction of many leading citizens. We were sorry to see a theatrical cut of an objectionable character in a recent issue of the *Globe*, a paper which is usually so clean and sound on questions of morality. It is high time that an alarm were sounded, that the course of this plague may be stayed.

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The second half of the article on "The Thirty Years' War" will appear in our next number. The lecture on "Roger Williams," given in McMaster Hall last winter, will be published in the January number of the *Magazine of Christian Literature*.

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The movement for university extension in Canada is making some progress in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick through the individual action of their universities. The Dominion organization for university extension recently effected in Toronto, holds its first meeting in January next, when the several Universities and other constituents are invited to send their quota of representatives. We have no doubt the Senate of this University will, at its meeting to be held on December 23rd, favorably respond to the invitation to appoint three representatives.

The success of this movement in Canada will, we believe, depend mainly on the individual zeal and public spirit with which it is conducted. If it is to be sustained by subsidies from the Government, the movement will be marred and crippled. Of course, such subsidies would launch university extension with éclat, but we make no doubt in saying, that any progress thus secured would lack that *verve* and ethical quality essential to solid advancement. It is not the lack of money which is the great hindrance, but presence of false views,—the outcome of ignorance and the pursuit of low ideals. This movement for university extension may be used as an opportunity for an enthusiastic missionary effort for the elevation of the intellectual and ethical standing of our people. Enthusiasm is essential. Subsidies from the Government are fatal to enthusiasm. Taxation has already given us its highly organized machinery in the interests of education. To create a new machinery from kindred resources, is to reduce university extension to a common-