

division he attempts to make of rocks is the simple one of Sedimentary, as, for instance, sandstone; Organic, as chalk; and Igneous, as granite. In explaining the origin and formation of these three classes he finds abundant opportunity to catch the interest

of the pupil, and his concluding division, entitled "The Crust of the Earth" serves admirably to explain how these different rocks have been tilted, crumpled, broker up and thrown into the strangest juxtapositions.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

### THE MORAL COLLAPSE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

IN the light of the controversy which has been aroused, the words of a writer in our last issue in commenting upon the editorial articles which have been appearing in this Magazine, on the subject of the offences of the Central Committee, may be said to be significant, if not prophetic. Referring to the fatuous indifference of the Minister of Education to the "book scandal" we had for eighteen months past brought constantly before him, the writer spoke of the matter as "*a question on which Mr. Crooks will shortly find public opinion express itself more loudly than he expects.*" The speedy and emphatic realization of this prediction, we take it, not only fully justifies our denunciation of the Committee's misdoings, but also attests the enormity of the offence we persistently sought to expose, and which has at last brought upon the culprits the righteous wrath of an indignant public. Secure in their entrenched position, the Committee, no doubt, little troubled themselves with thought of the "pestilent fellow" who was the censor of their misdeeds—so long, at least, as the Minister continued indifferent to the charges made against some of their number, and while the moral sense of all was blunted by condemning such acts of the McLellan ring as were not connived at by its members. Fortunately, the iteration of our charges, and the means we took to bring them, through a non-professional magazine, to the public ear, have caused such a flutter in the dove-cots of Normal School square, and set each bird to peck at its fellow, that we are not likely to

see the nest befouled again with inmates of so motley a breed, if it be not incontinently swept out of existence by the fiat of those who are now thoroughly alive to its character. Towards those of the Committee whose hands are clean, public commiseration and sympathy have doubtless rightly been extended. While ourselves sharing in this feeling, we must at the same time express surprise that those of its members whose sense of the malfeasance of Dr. McLellan and his confederates was at all acute, should have for such a period tacitly acquiesced in acts so damnable to the reputation of honourable men, and made themselves, in a sense, accessories to the outrage. From Prof. Young's published letter it is gratifying to know that in the counsels of the committee room, Dr. McLellan's action did not at least go unrebuked, however much the fact of this protest, if it reached Mr. Crooks's ears, as we cannot but think that it did, tells against that gentleman, in his allowing innocent men to bear the odium of acts in which the vulgar greed of a few made them *participes criminis*, and from which the honourable instincts of the head of the Department should have been careful to have shielded them. What the Minister may now do to repair matters and regain public confidence for his administration must be a matter of serious concern to Mr. Crooks's friends and to all who have the weal of education at heart. Certain it is that those who make light of the gravity of the situation, and, with the partizan journal that has espoused the cause of the book ring, seek to blunt the ethical sense of the public by pooh-poohing the offence or impudently as-