

very handsome endowments, and with new buildings and an auspicious start, bids fair to become an important seat of learning in the West. We congratulate Dr. Bridgman as a Canadian, and wish him a most successful career in Hamline.

WE note with much pleasure the appointment of a young Canadian to the chair of English Literature in Dalhousie College, Halifax. Dr. Alexander is a native of Hamilton, Ont. On entering the University of Toronto he won a scholarship in English literature, thus early showing a taste for the subject which he has since made his own. In 1874 he won the Gilchrist scholarship, and from 1874 to 1877 he studied at University College, London. In 1876 he graduated B.A. in the University of London, with first-class honors in English literature. From 1877 to 1879 he taught English and French with marked success in the Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown. In 1879 he won a scholarship in English literature in the John Hopkins University, Baltimore, and from 1880 to 1883 was a Fellow in Greek of that University, where in 1883 he graduated as Ph.D. His graduation thesis has since been published. He is at present in Berlin, where he has spent the last year in the study of literature. Prof. Alexander is therefore a man of wide literary culture, who has won the highest honors in the study of the subject he professes, and has proved himself to be a successful and stimulating teacher. Who will be the next Canadian to win the esteem and respect of his fellow-countrymen by endowing another chair in some other university? We have men who can endow it; we have universities who can appreciate it; we have Canadians who can fill it. A chair endowed early is a chair doubly endowed.

It is possible to give the etymology of the name of the first man. According to a learned theologian, cited by Labruni, the name Adam signifies *red earth*, and includes in its composition the four initials A. D. A. M., names which in Greek represent the four cardinal points (Anatolia, Dysis, Arctos, Mesembia). Would this signify that God formed