

students in his class. In his Sophomore year he took half of the monthly essay prize. As a student he was careful, thorough and accurate. He was a thinker rather than a talker; and consequently when he spoke he had some thing fresh and interesting to say.

Mr. Hutchinson is of English stock, his father and mother having been born in Greenwich, near London. His maternal grandfather was in the naval engagement of Trafalgar Bay in 1805. Afterwards he was for some years ship keeper at Woolwich Dockyard, and subsequently one of King William the Fourth's four boatmen at Windsor.

Mr. H. has an older brother George, who is a promising young painter now pursuing his studies in London. He has recently been admitted to the Royal Academy, a picture of his having won him this distinction. A younger brother intends joining the present Freshman class the first of November. His only living sister is married, and her home is in Great Village. His father died some years ago; his mother will accompany her son as far as England on his journey to India.

THE HIBBERT TRUST.

We first alluded to this Trust when announcing the appointment of Dr. Schurman to a professorship in Acadia College. Perhaps a brief account of its origin and design will interest the readers of this paper.

A gentleman named Robert Hibbert, who died in 1849, left the sum of £20,000 sterling, the income of which was to be used solely for Unitarian purposes during twenty-five years. After this period the Trustees had liberty to use it, within certain specified general limits, according to their own judgment. In this interval the whole income was not expended, so that when the twenty-five years had expired, the fund had increased to £25,000. Enabling the permission which the Hibbert will had given them, the Trustees extended the system of outlay. Hitherto only Unitarians had been able to derive benefit from the Trust. Scholarships were now advertised for which any graduate of a British University was eligible, providing that his character and abilities were shown to be satisfactory, and that he intended to pursue the study of Philosophy or Theology—no candidate being received, however, who would not pledge himself to make unbiassed search for truth in his department of study.

Of late years the Trustees have broadened

their plan by founding lectureships in addition to scholarships. This was done in response to a request signed by several eminent divines and laymen, among whom were the late Dean Stanley, Dr. Carpenter, Max Muller, Rev. Principal Tulloch and Rev. Prof. Sayce, who believed that such lectures as they recommended would efficiently carry out the purpose of the Founder of the Trust. The first series of lectures was delivered by Max Muller, his subject being *The Origin and Growth of Religion as illustrated by the Religions of India*; the next was by M. le Page Renouf on the *Religions of Egypt*; and the third by Rhys Davids on *Buddhism*.

The Trustees still award one Scholarship yearly, for which any Unitarian of Great Britain is eligible as a competitor. Besides this, every four years two scholarships are awarded to the two graduates of British Universities who become successful applicants in virtue of superior university standing, satisfactory moral character, and recommendations of experts in the departments of study to which the candidates purpose giving attention. Although no examinations are required, success in competition is very difficult of attainment. Those only are able to enter into the competition who have distinguished themselves during their university career, and are recommended as students of unusual mental qualities. Then from the many applicants, coming from all parts of the kingdom, the two are selected who stand highest, and who are supposed to give promise of greatest success in the higher realms of intellectual work.

The sum of £200 sterling is given yearly to each of these two men, who are privileged study in France, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, or elsewhere, with permission of the Trustees—the only condition being that an essay shall be written by each scholarship-holder upon a subject in his department (Philosophy or Theology), this essay to become the property of the Trustees at the expiration of the two years, and to be published by them if its excellencies are sufficiently pronounced.

Seven years ago these scholarships were first awarded. Carveth Read of Cambridge was a successful competitor at this time. His