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Rt. Rev. J. L. Spalding, Bishop of Peoria, Ill., 9 volumes. Hinds & Noble, Publishers, New York, 72 volumes, Dr. N. E. Dionne, Quebec, 2 volumes. Morang & Co., Publishers, Toronto, 33 volumes. State Library, Albany, N.Y., 21 volumes. T. G. Coursolles, Ottawa, 189 volumes. Ginn & Co., New York, 20 volumes.

Inter Alia.

" If there's a hole in a' your coats, I rede ye tent it; A chiel's amang ye takin' notes, And, fuith he'll prent it."

Professor Goldwin Smith, the chiel notes, has hailed the vote at Oxford *re* compulsory Greek as a "loosening of ecclesiastical trammels," or, as the soldier said, "words to that effect.' The Oxford correspondent of the *Tablet*, however, reminds us that the statute which must be framed in accordance with the vote has to pass through convocation before it becomes law, and that the non-resident voters—old fashioned country parsons and others have yet to be heard from. The result is by no means so certain as the sage of Toronto appears to believe. "The wish is father to the thought."

Concerning the change- if change there is to be-the chiel can only say that it appears to be inevitable. Possibly "significant of much"; among other things, of modern "scholarship." Time, doubtless, is money: other studies are more commercially valuable than Greek. "Cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground?" But there are values which cannot be measured by double entry.

The average man, one supposes, does not "read Plato with his feet on the fender": he reads Kipling, or Mercantile Law; and prefers Pope's Iliad—if any—to Homer's. But, with Greek, another link with past ideals vanishes. A superfluous one, if you will; but a link, nevertheless. *Requirescat*.