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Editorial Notes.

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OUR contemporaries have behaved very handsomely. Even those who said nothing.

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WE ARE indebted to Mr. W. Q. Judge for permission to use articles in the Path and elsewhere under his control and acknowledge the favor best by availing ourselves of it in this issue.

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Masters are not teachers, but adjusters. They point out how we may learn. Our school system, ignoring this, is destroying true education. Our children are merely trained to be syringes capable of drawing up a quantity of fluid extract of facts, and retaining it long enough to squirt over an examination paper. We begin to see the folly of this. We recognize, for example, the common sense of new methods of teaching foreign languages. Commercial colleges

abound with their object lessons, although this is but a shadow of shadows. We duly perceive the principle in our efforts at technical education, such as makes Toronto's Technical School noteworthy. But in weightier matters we fail to teach people how they may learn. In ethics and morals and in spirituality we even repress individual enquiry, and neither stimulate to study nor instruct as to methods of procedure.

THE TORONTO SOCIETY has invited the General Convention to meet in Toronto next year, but Mr. Fullerton's opinion that Toronto is only a one-horse place any way appears to be so generally shared that we need scarcely expect an acceptance. The British Association is likely to meet in Toronto in 1897, and it is said the American Association for the Advancement of Science may arrange its meeting for the same time. The T. S. in 1897 will be in a position to meet these great bodies on more equal terms materially, and we can consent to postpone the acceptance of our invitation till then. The Chicago Congress may be repeated then on the shores of Ontario in a still more impressive manner.

THE ANNUAL CIRCUS in the west end park with its agricultural and mechanical sideshows has established itself as one of Toronto's decided successes. The yearly provincial pilgrimage to Vanity Fair must be a source of great disturbance to rustic ideals, and the hired man and the younger son find it hard indeed to settle down to the solidity of the farm when the vision of light and gaiety dazzles their imagination as a permanent attribute of city life. Would you rob the people of their pleasure? Not at all, but one would teach them first what pleasure is, and what a shadowy thing sensation is. They will enjoy the more when they value truly. But you needn't tell them these things are sinful, for in their hearts they won't believe you.

PRINCIPAL GRANT is eligible for membership in the Theosophical Society. Speaking of the heathenish exclusion of the Chinese from Canada by the imposition of poll-tax, he assures the labor classes that drawing distinctions of race, color, creed or sex can only be disastrous. We have no doubt the reverend Principal will include caste in his condemnation, and the recognition of this principle of Universal Brotherhood is all that is necessary to become an F. T. S.