

taught wisely, as a humorist, pure and true, he has won all hearts by his sunny, mirthful essays. In Oliver Wendell Holmes we had a part of Longfellow's simplicity, of Whittier's tenderness, and of Emerson's transcendental philosophy.

A great light has gone out. No! not gone out, for the light of his life can never be extinguished while the Christian Church sings his sublime hymn,

"Lord of all being, throned afar."

O. W. Holmes will be known for this hymn long after his famous autocrat series will have lost its peculiar interest. Fashions and customs change, and much that now cheers and charms in the autocrat and professor may grow old and out-of-date, but this noble hymn can never grow old: its lofty spiritual grandeur has secured for it a deathless life, and for its author a world's love.

Many will wonder at the strange coincidence that led the editor of the devotional series in the *Baptist Union* to select the following verse from this author for Sunday, Oct. 7th, the very day the great man was called home. Could a sweeter theme or a purer sentiment be desired for his swan song?

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine out-grown shell by life's unresting sea!"

ALREADY our exchange table is scattered over with new arrivals from far and near. The first we pick up is the old *Varsity*—new-old indeed in its handsome cover. The contents are full of interest; the first page "In Memoriam," tells of the dear dead, who were once among the earnest students of the old school, three loving tributes are so tenderly written that even a stranger is touched with a feeling of sympathy. A valiant reply is made to the unworthy insinuation made by the *Star* that "The whole Faculty as now constituted is with one exception of an inferior order in point of scholarship and lecturing ability." Some strong letters are being written and some important reforms advocated, all of which will tend sooner or later to strengthen and establish the University upon a more substantial basis. The old cry of political influence is raised upon every new appointment until the real friends of the University are very weary of hearing this chesnut. In another column a suggestion is made that Toronto University shake herself free from political influence and suffrage and appeal to the general public for entire support. Many, it is said, would render substantial aid if it were not for the political influences that bear in upon every department.

THE genial face of our old friend and former teacher, T. P. Hall, M.A., Ph. D., greets us through an excellent photogravure picture in