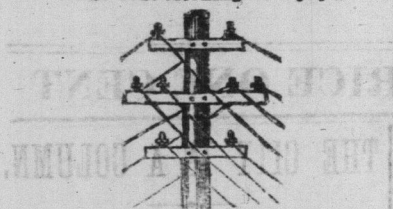


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THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 15, 1888.

## THE MORALS OF TORONTO.

We are afraid it cannot be said that the morals of Toronto are improving. There have been too many scandals among the wealthier classes of this community within the past few months. For some of these stories there was little or no foundation, but others half the truth was only stated. Those who have known the city for forty years say the record never was so bad. They had to go back in their recollection twenty-five years to find a parallel of some of the cases that have occurred within the past few weeks.

But besides social scandals, there have been grave commercial and financial scandals. And if things don't soon mend they will certainly become worse.

Another bad feature of the situation is that society thinks it may talk as glibly as it pleases about this man's wrong doing and that young scoundrel's crime; about this woman's fault and that girl's shame; but for a public journal to mention them it is shocking. And accordingly there has been an almost perpetual running to the newspaper editors asking them to suppress this and to suppress that. In nine cases out of ten they have done it. What has been the result? That the scandals are only getting more numerous and "society" finds nothing else to talk about. A wholesome exposure in the press would have checked much of it. Publicity is a rapid purgative; quiet gossip is a smouldering fester.

As far as the World is concerned, while it will ever seek to keep the columns clear, it will not make flesh of one and fish of the other; if a poor devil gets into trouble and is chased from pillar to post by the public and press the omission of our well known most expect similar treatment. Indeed a determination very much to this effect was reached by several of our newspapers yesterday. What most concerns the citizens in the premises is to look to the mending of their ways. Then the readers will have no reason to blame the press for the quality of their reading.

## PRINCIPAL GRANT OVERSTEPING HIMSELF.

Principal Grant has come out against any further state aid to the provincial university or rather, he is quite willing that the university of Toronto should be so aided provided Queen's gets a slice.

Now, while we respect the reverend principal of Queen's as long as he has a good case, we by no means are going to allow him to escape when he compies inconsequential ground. We wish to ask him first of all if he remembers less than two years ago when he attended a university dinner in this city, that in a good natured way he called Hon. Adam Crooks (who sat at his left) for not giving the provincial university a larger grant—all the money, in fact, that she wanted. There are a dozen gentlemen who remember it.

Then Dr. Grant must not forget that emphatically he does not speak for the Presbyterian denomination, though he poses in that attitude. He only represents a section of that church. The bulk of the Presbyterian of this province form the backbone of the support of the provincial university. Knox college is and ever has been the most loyal of the colleges clustering around the university of Toronto. Let Dr. Grant try and get Principal Caven to join him in his attack on the provincial university. Let him bring it up in the synod and see if he will find his dog-in-the-manger policy endorsed. He will not.

## RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY.

It is precisely those who are least capable of defending the Christian religion who are most zealous in bringing it a rescue that is more damaging than neglect could be. This gives its assailants an unfair advantage. One kind of a fool says there is no God—intelligent agnostics are not so positive—and a still bigger fool undertakes to show that there is. The result is pain and humiliation to the true friends of religion.

Sensible Christians are not fond of controversy, although they will not shrink it when thrust upon them. Their feeling is that it is idle to convince any man against his will, and that attempts at demonstration of spiritual things are worse than idle. Religion is a matter of faith, and faith is not a matter of grace, and faith is not a matter of grace, and faith is not a matter of grace.

Mr. Capel is a noted missionary of his church, but he avoids the controversial tone in his addresses and sermons as much as possible. He seeks to persuade rather than to convince, and thus secures a fair hearing from those who cannot agree with him. He says that more controversy is un-

## PROFITABLE, AND WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF THE MISTAKE OF MIXING UP THE SPHERES OF THE WORLD WITH THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS.

PRAGMATIC WILL OBSERVE.

The selection of Sunday at noon as the hour at which to change our watches to meridian time shows great discretion on the part of the city council, as it will necessitate the shortening of all sermons by 17 mins. 34 sec. Is there a church warden in the council?

## TEAT PRINTING CONTRACT.

Hamilton Tribune: The Toronto Globe a few years ago was indicted at some crooked transaction in connection with tendering for the publication of the Ontario government printing at Ottawa, and if our memory is true, it was correctly, it was guilty in a libelous manner of having secured the contract by means of a bribe.

And what is more, how can the Globe expect Mr. Blake and his followers to speak out against contract broking at Ottawa when the report will be: Your friends do the same thing at Toronto.

Here are two directors of the Globe moving every possible lever to secure a contract for another paper in which they likewise have an interest. The only way in which they can secure it for their paper is to buy out the lowest bidder, who is a man of straw so far as doing the work is concerned. If Grip is allowed to take the job at Wilson's figures and pay Wilson a handsome figure for retiring, then the government have permitted themselves to be cheated by neglecting a most wholesome provision of insisting on bidders depositing a cheque to be forfeited if they refuse to take the work at their own figures.

It is true we believe that the contract has not yet been signed, and that the government have called on Wilson to furnish bonds of \$10,000 that he will carry out the work; we hope that it is still further true that they will not sanction the ill-begotten bargain between Grip and Wilson. Their reputation for uprightness in the matter of contract letting is at stake, and surely that is of more importance than the necessities of the Jailroffs and the Edgars.

The Grand Trunk not only means to cut down the salaries and reduce the number of officials along the line of the Great Western, but with the diminished efficiency so caused means to put up local rates till they reach a prohibitive tariff. We have seen a freight bill rendered to a farmer on the line of the Great Western where the charge on two tons is at the rate of twenty cents per ton per mile. No wonder Sir Henry Tyler can boast of making a million per annum by fusion; but the people of Ontario will not always tolerate this sort of monopoly. Parliament at its next session will have before it evidence, only too foolishly furnished by the Grand Trunk in the past six months, of the necessity for a commission. Down east they are eagerly looking for the Ontario and Quebec, and at London connection with the Credit Valley is hourly prayed for.

## ONE OF THE SIGNS FAVORABLE TO THE REMOVAL OF VICTORIA COLLEGE TO TORONTO.

One of the signs favorable to the removal of Victoria college to Toronto is the guarded way in which the Acts Victoria is guarded in its last number the future of the college. Certainly from the students' standpoint there is everything to be gained from coming to Toronto: a better training, a larger field, a more varied student life, better professors, more experience, a wider grasp. Everything about Victoria worth preserving can be translated to Toronto and many new and valuable adjuncts can be secured here. Once the students get it into their heads that it is in their interest to have a powerful cluster of colleges around one centre so soon will that desirable end be realized.

The minister of militia has abandoned the practice of buying clothing for the volunteers in England and Manchester, but it will suit Canadians.

The Regina Leader has a long article upon "proposing to girls." For a man who knows so much about the business, Brother Davis is singularly slow about putting his knowledge to use. And domestic hair pulling can have no terrors for the iconoclast.

The London Advertiser insists that it makes no difference whose ox is gored. Thus another of the solemn beliefs of mankind disappears before the breath of the iconoclast.

The Winnipeg Sun says that Ald. Ham has a level head. It is meet that he should.

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## CLARKE'S COMPLAINT.

To the Editor of The World.

Sir: In reply to Clarissa, I cannot give her much consolation. There is a certain class of young women and young men that think themselves above the general class of people. They are so fastidious that they do not show any hospitality to any young man unless he is a bank clerk or such, and if he does not belong to the English church he is not considered fit for a companion. No wonder there are old maids, and always will be until they change company and associate with a class more humble but possessed of better qualities than the young swells referred to.

## DISGUSTED LOVER.

Ingersoll, Nov. 13.

## LUTHER CELEBRATION.

To the Editor of The World.

Sir: I see in yesterday's issue of your paper an article, "Enthusiastic Clergy," containing a sentence reading as follows: "In Germany itself the anniversary was celebrated by catholic and protestant alike." Can your able pen give authority for the statement that the catholics of Germany celebrated the anniversary of a man like Luther? If of catholics who is their eyes considered a de- and not a reformer? I acknowledge that the adherents of Luther the so-called old catholic joined in the celebration; but that the Roman catholics (if these are meant by catholics) celebrated the anniversary of Luther can be proved by any one who is not a fool.

[We judge from the tone of the despatches received from Germany that the celebration there was national in character, and though we will not affirm that catholics were as enthusiastic as protestants in the celebration we do not hold that the Dal. Hager catholics are outside the pale of the church. At least so long as they are within it we may truly hold that our assertion that the catholics had joined is strictly true. At all events we cordially invite further communication from our correspondent on the subject.—ED. WORLD.]

## A MOIRER TO CLARISSA.

To the Editor of The World.

Sir: In the discussion now going on in your columns regarding Clarissa's letter I feel myself called upon to make a few remarks. I may be old foggy but it is my honest belief that the proper persons to choose a young lady's companions are her parents. At any rate it is their duty to know who those companions are; and this I regret to say is to a large extent not the case in this country.

We hear of Miss So-and-so giving a party to her friends, or of some young lady being at home on such-and-such a day or evening, and we never hear when these young ladies mammae are at home, or giving parties at all. In many cases indeed the precocious daughters of this enlightened age consider the old lady, as she is sometimes disrespectfully called, altogether unrespectable and not to associate with their friends and acquaintances.

When society is conducted upon so false a principle it soon becomes not only uninteresting for nothing is so vulgar as to maintain it, but it becomes decidedly dangerous. When a young lady wishes to return the hospitalities of which she has been the recipient, she should appeal to her mother to send her invitations and manage it for her. If she does this she will soon find that she has better companions, both social and moral, and that her parties are more agreeable and better attended by young people.

If parental vigilance had been more generally exercised in Toronto we should have many fewer of those often shocked by the many scandals that have created uneasiness in the last few years, and more especially in the last few months. MATER.

## FOR THE YOUNG MEN.

To the Editor of The World.

Sir: On Saturday Clarissa asked, where were the young men, and why they did not thankfully avail themselves of the good things they were invited to share? I thought I could answer her in few words, telling her many of them were working extra hours, earning an honest penny to help pay for the fur collars they must have on their coats, and that sort of thing you know. But, dear World, I have thought too kindly of some of them. Daniel has come to judgment and find me a man of intellectual enough for him! Well, Daniel, I call go farther than you, and say girls are oftentimes silly, but would ask you to remember, "oh wise young judge," they were made to match the men. "Through the mill" and Clarissa quite rudely judging by his letter he is a bit of a tender hearted fellow. He is not a tender hearted fellow, but he has not lived long enough to learn good manners. He should remember the respect due to the members of the press, and that he is not a tender hearted fellow, but he has not lived long enough to learn good manners.

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## NOT TO BE GIVING AUTHORITY TO A THIRD PARTY, BUT BY ENDORSEMENT IN SOME WAY TO CONTROL THE CONFUSION ARISING FROM HAVING TWO.

SCIENTIA.

## TENNYSON'S YOUTH.

Alfred Tennyson, as he grew up toward manhood, found other and stronger inspirations than Thomson's gentle Seasons. Byron's spell had fallen on his generation, and for a boy of genius it must have been absolute and overwhelming. Tennyson was soon to find his own voice, but meanwhile he began to write like Byron. He produced poems and verses in profusion and endless abundance—trying his wings, as people say, before starting on his own strong flight. One day the news came to the village—that the dire news which spread across the land, filling men's hearts with consternation—that Byron was dead. Alfred was then a boy about fifteen.

"Byron was dead! I thought the whole world was at an end," he once said, speaking of these bygone days. "I thought everything was over—that nothing else mattered. I remember I walked out alone, and carried 'Byron was dead' in the saddle."

I have spoken of Tennyson from the account of an old friend, whose recollections go back to those days, when seem perhaps more distinct to us than others of earlier date and later fashion. Mrs. Tennyson, the mother of the family, at this same friend tells me, was a sweet and gentle and most imaginative woman, so kind-hearted that it had passed into a proverb, and the wicked inhabitants of a neighboring village used to bring their dogs to her windows and beat them in order to be bridled to leave off by the gentle lady, or to make advantageous bargains by selling her the worthless cur. She was intensely, fervently religious, as a poet's mother should be. After her husband's death (he had added to the rectory and made it suitable for his large family) she still lived on at Somersby with her children and their friends. The daughters were growing up, the elder sons were going to college. Frederick, the eldest, went first to Trinity, Cambridge, and his brothers followed him there in turn. Life was opening for them, they were young, and bringing them home to their Lincolnshire rectory. In Memoriam gives many a glimpse of the old home, of which the echoes still reach us across half a century—Mrs. Thackeray-Ridgely in Harper's Magazine for December.

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