

other, cannot fail at this time to be of great interest. The agitation in England in regard to unseaworthy ships, and the investigation of the Royal Commission on the subject, give point to this *exposé*, which, though dealing with a more extensive view of the merchant ship question, will be almost regarded as a trans-Atlantic edition of Mr. Plim-soll's book. An enlightened discussion of this kind cannot fail to result in good, and we will be glad to see the matter as energetically taken up on behalf of the sailors in the United States as in England.

XI. Educational Intelligence.

—CANADIAN LITERARY INSTITUTE, WOODSTOCK.—The first triennial meeting of the Associated Alumni of this institution of learning was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., and was in every respect a grand success. There are now no fewer than three fine large edifices crowning the summit of "College Hill," and fast as they have been completed they have been filled to repletion by students. The alumni dinner was served in the Institute dining hall at three o'clock in the afternoon. Over one hundred and fifty persons sat down to a sumptuous repast prepared by the steward, Mr. Hooper. After satisfying the wants of the inner man, the President of the Alumni Society, Rev. J. L. Campbell, of Chatham, called the meeting to order and gave a short address. He spoke in the highest terms of the Principal, Rev. R. A. Fyfe, D. D., amid much applause; and on behalf of the Alumni, presented him with \$160 in gold in anticipation of the reverend doctor's contemplated tour to Europe. The Rev. Dr. Fyfe, on rising to respond, was received with prolonged and hearty applause. He was glad to meet them. The course of the institution has been upward and onward. There would be no stand still. "Excelsior," was their motto. He paid a high tribute to the professors associated with him, and spoke of the warm sympathy of old students. These were their wealth. He loved the Institute. If such a thing were possible, after he was dead, they would find the impress of the Canadian Literary Institute upon his heart. During the delivery of his address the doctor was repeatedly interrupted by enthusiastic bursts of applause. Professors J. E. Wells, M. A., and the Rev. J. Crawford, next replied in brief and fitting remarks. Rev. J. Bates, on rising, said that if Prof. Wells, who knew almost as many languages as there were letters in the alphabet, found it difficult to speak, how could they expect much from him who spoke only his mother tongue? (Loud laughter and applause.) He proceeded to make a characteristically eloquent and able address. Rev. A. McDonald, of Manitoba spoke of the great North-west, and hoped the day would ere long come when there would be a sister college at Winnipeg. (Cheers.) Rev. Dr. Cooper, of London, was exceedingly happy in his remarks. He urged ministerial students to dig deep the well before they put down the pump. If they did not, when they came to be settled pastors and had to preach Sabbath after Sabbath, they would in a short time get pumped dry. (Cheers.) Rev. J. Torrance, B. A., of Toronto, spoke of the lively interest felt by the students in the University, in the Institute. He felt proud of the ever increasing efficiency of the College and the high stand it had taken. (Cheers.) The Rev. Dr. Davidson, of Guelph, made one of his most happy speeches and spoke in the warmest terms of Dr. Fyfe. They would fight on in the future, shoulder to shoulder, as they had done in the past, until they went "over the river." At 7.30 o'clock, p. m., the literary exercises in connection with the Alumni meeting came off. After devotional exercises the President of the Society, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, in a few remarks spoke of the nature of the meeting. He read, amid cheers a telegram he had just received from their fellow alumnus, the Rev. A. A. Cameron, of Ottawa, containing salutations from the Capital, and the reply he had just sent back. Also an exceedingly interesting fraternal letter from the Rev. J. McLauran, missionary in Cocanada, India, who is also an alumnus of this Institution. After which he called on R. Laidlaw, Esq., of Ann Arbor, Michigan, to deliver the first oration of the evening,—Subject, "Duty." Mr. Laidlaw

was received with hearty cheers. The oration was able, and delivered in Mr. Laidlaw's happiest manner. He pointed out in eloquent terms the effects of right and wrong conceptions of duty, referred to a number of humorous circumstances which transpired while they were students there, and strongly enjoined upon all faithfully and honestly to go forth in the discharge of the high duties they owed to their country, the institution and the cause of truth. The next was an essay by Miss Bella Sinclair, on "Earth's Battle Fields." The fair essayist, after referring to the physical fields of carnage, proceeded to show the higher arenas in the mental, moral, and religious world, in which all are combatants. For her able essay, she received a hearty vote of thanks afterwards from the Secretary. The next was an oration by the Rev. W. Baldwin, of Strathroy, on "The tendency of human institutions." The reverend gentleman, by a number of forcible illustrations, showed the downward tendency of human institutions when left to themselves, and that Christianity alone was the preserving element in the world. The oration evinced careful thought, and was well received. A scientific paper was then read by the Rev. J. Torrance on "the measurement of the distances of the heavenly bodies." He illustrated his subject with diagrams on a blackboard. The subject was made very interesting by the speaker, and after he completed, the meeting was brought to a close. Rev. J. Torrance is the newly elected President.—*London Daily Advertiser*.

XII. Departmental Notices.

COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The Chief Superintendent has been notified of the following elections to the Council of Public Instruction:—

The Very Rev. William Snodgrass, D. D., to represent Queen's College, Kingston.

The Rev. John McCaul, LL. D., to represent University College, Toronto.

HIGH SCHOOL AND TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The examination of candidates for admission to High Schools and Collegiate Institutes will be held (*D. V.*) on the 29th and 30th days of June next.

The examination of Public School Teachers will also be held (*D. V.*) on the 20th of July for 2nd and 3rd Class Certificates, and on the 27th July for 1st Class Certificates.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—As the Queen's Birthday falls on Sunday, the School holiday will be held on Monday, the 25th inst., or on any other day selected by the local municipality concerned for the celebration of the Queen's natal day.

NO PENSIONS TO PUBLIC OR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS UNLESS THEY SUBSCRIBE TO THE FUND.

Public notice is hereby given to all legally qualified Public and High School Masters and Teachers in Ontario, who may wish to avail themselves at any future time of the advantages of the Superannuated Teachers' Fund, that it will be necessary for them to transmit to the Chief Superintendent or Inspector, if they have not already done so, their subscriptions, at the rate of \$5 per annum for each preceding year of teaching (commencing with 1854, if the applicant has been teaching from that year), and at the rate of \$4 per annum for the current year's subscription. Subscriptions are not required to be remitted for years of teaching prior to 1854, as the subscriptions for such years will be deducted from the first year's pension. If the intending subscriber has not taught every year from 1854, he need only remit for the years during which he has actually taught in a Public or High School.

The law authorizing the establishment of this fund provides, 101. No teacher shall be entitled to share in the superannuated teachers fund, unless:—

(a) He has contributed to said fund the sum of four dollars, or more per annum, during and for the period of his teaching school, or of his receiving aid from said fund.

No pension can therefore be granted to any teacher who has not subscribed to the fund, nor can one be granted for any year of teaching since 1854, for which the subscription has not been paid. All subscriptions due must be paid before the applicant ceases teaching.