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WE regret to inform our readers that although we have delayed the issue of this number for several days, yet the photogravure for which we have been waiting has not yet arrived, and we are compelled to go to press without it. In the next issue, however, we hope to make up for this deficiency by the insertion of two portraits.

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One of the highest educational influences of college life is the contact with men of scholarly attainments, broad culture and strong personality. Such men ought to be found and are found occupying the chairs of our universities. To come daily within the radius of their influence is the privilege of the few, not of the many. None can estimate the influence wielded by them upon the plastic minds of the youth who are placed under their instruction. They give an impetus to the life, an inspiration—for inspiration is just the projection of one mind and spirit into another prepared to receive. Does the thought ever come to the student's mind when listening to the words which are the product of such minds,—this is the opportunity of a life time? Then grasp this opportunity while you may, and if repentance can be spoken of in a narrower sense than that in which it is applied, we would say repent; empty your mind of all carelessness and indifference, shake off indolence and neglect, so that the word may not be in vain, for the influence upon you will be in exact proportion to your capacity for receiving.

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A letter appeared recently in the *Montreal Witness* from "A Presbyterian Minister," in which an unwarranted attack is made upon Principal Grant on account

of his address on temperance given in the Y. M. C. A. The writer of the letter, though an avowed supporter of temperance principles, makes use of most intemperate language, and throws out gross insinuations calculated to injure not only the Principal but Queen's. He insinuates that it is unsafe for parents to send their sons where such ideas on temperance are taught. The letter is the more unwarranted because it is based on a mere report and misrepresents the facts of the case. The address referred to was much appreciated by all who heard it and dealt with the principles of temperance generally. It is deplorable that there are men, even among the leaders and teachers of the people, so narrow-minded as to confine the meaning of temperance merely to abstinence from intoxicating drink, and who, when any one dares to mention gluttony or excess of any kind when speaking of temperance, are ready to cry out, "Beware, he is unsound on the temperance question." Such a spirit, though common in our day, lies too near the verge of fanaticism, and forgets that the inspired writer of Proverbs, in speaking of temperance, classes the glutton and drunkard in the same category. "Be not among winebibbers; among gluttonous eaters of flesh, for the drunkard and glutton shall come to poverty."

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The question of university extension is beginning to claim some attention from Canadian educationists. A movement is on foot in connection with the Provincial University, to place a University training within reach of those who desire it, but are prevented by circumstances from attending College. The object is to establish classes in various local centres, and to appoint for these, lecturers and examiners who shall be subject to the control of the University. This system has been adopted in England in connection with Cambridge and Oxford Universities, and during the past year has met with decided success. Under the direction of these Universities the number of courses of lectures delivered was 107 and 148 respectively. The corresponding attendance of students on these classes was 11,301 and 17,904. Natural Sciences, History, Political Science and English Literature are the most popular subjects. There is no doubt that the adoption of such a system in Canada would be most beneficial, as it would extend the influence of the university and provide a means of self-realization from which many are cut off. True, in Canada at the present time, there seems to be little demand for such courses, owing, no doubt, to the intense individualism or utilitarianism which characterizes Canadians. But were they begun, if even on a small scale, the demand would increase, and the little leaven would eventually leaven the whole lump.