

that the juvenile orator never made an exhaustive study of the question at issue. In all probability he heard his father or some of his professors say that the world was regenerated by the Reformation, and he believed the assertion with that faith characteristic of the lisping child on its mother's knee. Having made the assertion he should at least have been consistent with it throughout his oration. Yet further down we read: "Moreover, a large percentage of the young men who are seeking a college education are outside of the churches and are amazingly ignorant of Biblical knowledge." We fail to see how civilization has advanced so wonderfully, if a large percentage of the leaders in modern society—for such, in fact, present students will be in the near future—make so light of the first essential of civilization, viz., religion. The editors of the Rambler should bear in mind that rule in rhetoric, which says: "Before attempting to write on a subject study clear ideas thereon."

The *Queen's College Journal* is one of our best weeklies. It records in a neat, concise manner the doings of the institution whence it comes, and, in addition, it contains from time to time essays and lectures of real literary worth.

A new arrival on our table is the *McGill Fortnightly*. The contents of the *Fortnightly* are varied and interesting. We pleased to see the names of several of our erstwhile fellow students on McGill's best football team.

In the *Varsity* from Toronto University, we read a spicy little article entitled "How I wrote my First Great Poem." Feeling it a duty to do our utmost to draw forth that vast store of latent poetic power, of which stray bits, *de temps en temps*, manifest themselves in our lecture halls and debating rooms, we call the following: "The first hint I got was from Aristophanes. I remembered well how the thought thrilled me to the very heart, when I first read his description of Euripides writing tragedy with his feet on the table. Here was the secret I had been looking for. Filled with this new idea, I hurried to my sanctum, and, drawing up an easy chair,

sat down with my feet on the table in the full assurance that presently the divine afflatus of poetry would come. Keeping my eye, which, I now felt sure was beginning to roll in fine frenzy, steadily fixed on my boot toes, I waited, hushed and breathless, as wave on wave surging through me, the wondrous emotion thrilled my soul." The *Varsity* is newsy and interesting throughout.

A new aspirant for fame in the field of college journals is the *Fortnightly Review*, from the Harbord St. Collegiate Institute of Toronto. We are favorably impressed with the general 'get up' of its first issue, and we wish its editors all success in the noble work they have so well begun.

SOCIETIES.

The members of the Society of the Blessed Virgin held their annual meeting for the election of officers, on the 5th inst., when the following gentlemen were chosen: Prefect, J. A. French; 1st Assistant, J. J. Meagher; 2nd Assistant, A. Bedard; Secretary, O. W. Clark; Treasurer, J. Murphy; Sacristans, T. Fitzgerald and J. Foley; Councillors, F. Owens, L. Raymond, A. Bourke, T. Rigney.

Rev. Father McArdle has kindly consented to act as Director for the ensuing year. On the 8th inst. the formal reception of the new members took place. His Grace Archbishop Duhamel presided at the ceremony, and preached an able sermon on the Immaculate Conception.

Through an oversight on our part we neglected to make any mention of the Reading Room in our previous issues. This association was re-organized shortly after the return of the students. The following officers were elected:—President, J. A. French; Secretary, J. Murphy; Treasurer, J. Raymond; Librarians, E. O'Reilly and A. Bedard; Curators, A. Bourke, E. McCabe, E. Plamondon, T. Leveque.

The principal English and French newspapers, as well as the leading magazines of Canada and the United States, are now on file.