

when Rome was the first, has known many fluctuations of fortune. She held the key of the commerce of the East until the discovery of the route to India round the Cape of Good Hope, which greatly diminished her prosperity. The construction of the railway to the Red Sea built up her fortunes again, to be again threatened by the Suez Canal. Alexandria is a most interesting city by reason of its being the meeting place of so many different nationalities. In the Place des Konsuls, on any day towards evening, when the Turkish Military band is playing, you will see representatives of every country in the Mediterranean, and of many others besides, displaying every variety of costume and complexion. Turks, Greeks, French, Italians, Armenians, English, Nubians, vendors of sherbet clinking their brass cups together, vendors of dogs, vendors of walking sticks, of red and yellow slippers, of lezzes—Egyptian women veiled to the eyes, Parisian women painted to the eyes, little black Arabs (streetarabs) and English children losing their roses in the hot climate—all mingle together in the buzzing crowd of the Place des Konsuls like the bits of glass in a Kaleidoscope.

The Arab quarter of the city is ancient, tortuous, and dirty. It is a bee-hive where the natives of the country swarm, with the clothes and customs of the world when it was young. The bazaars are good-sized packing-boxes in rows where sit tailors, goldsmiths, shoemakers plying their trades full in the public view. It is all very quaint and picturesque, and recalls of course the Arabian nights.

After a few days spent in Alexandria in the exploration of scenes which I cannot now describe, I took ship for Naples, and in an hour or so had no other prospect than the blue waves of the Mediterranean.

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It is strange what a terrible press of work comes over one of our graduates the moment we ask him for anything in the shape of a written contribution.

We are sorry to see that the beautiful flag-pole, which was so kindly presented to the College by a clergyman of this diocese, still lying at the side of the road where it was deposited some weeks ago. The donor particularly wished it should be put up before the 24th. Who is to blame?

The column devoted to College items in our last number contained an advertisement which was given us with the special request that it should so appear. Having since

received a protest from a suburban club, bearing the initials L. M. S.,—evidently the Society intended—we wish to apologize to the members, and promise to be more careful in future. There were many applicants.

It is a sad yet too true state of affairs that unless the paying-subscription list is increased—or unless many more on the subscription list pay their dues, *Rouge et Noir* must cease from publication. Our journal has been highly spoken of by all College papers of any importance. The graduates profess to approve of it. There is no lack of matter contributed for the columns. Is it to die for want of a few 50c. yearly subscriptions?

The election of the two new members of the Council for this year has come and gone: and it is with unmingled satisfaction that we record the result. The new Councillors, the Rev. H. W. DAVIES, D.D., Principal of the Normal School, and A. P. POUSSETTE, B.C.L., of Peterborough, are graduates of high standing, and men who will be likely to uphold the best interests of their University. The former is a particularly good choice on account of the high position which he occupies as principal of perhaps the best known of all our government schools. The College could hardly have done better.

Their Lordships of Ontario and Toronto, with John Cartwright, Esq., M.A., have crossed the Atlantic to select from their respective Universities a successor to the united offices of Provost of the College, Vice-Chancellor of the University, and Professor of Divinity both in Arts and in the Divinity School. To procure a suitable man for so difficult a position is no easy matter, as the Rev. gentleman found who during the last year has been searching for a Provost. Although the wisdom of the Corporation in expending so great an amount of money as the delegation must require has been rather severely criticised by outsiders, a deputation such as the present one cannot fail in its object, which will be well worth the expense. We may confidently expect a new Head for our College before the beginning of the coming Michaelmas Term. Our whole University graduates, undergraduates, clergy, laymen, will watch the selection with breathless anxiety. Very much depends upon the choice. We hope for the best, yet who can venture to expect a Divinity Professor equal to the departing occupant of the chair?

ENGLISH.

There is room for one more lecturer. We do not believe that a Professorship of English is never to be added to our staff. On the contrary, it seems probable that we shall see such a chair established in the comparatively near future—as soon as our sage councillors see fit to take measures for raising the necessary funds. In the meantime it has been happily suggested that they might set apart sufficient to pay a lecturer in that important subject. This would be much better than nothing. It would, at all events,