

though usually considered second in point of time, is first in point of importance. If the student can be made to see that it is his duty to go to one school in spite of the superior advantages of another, he must go. If the most advantageous course be found on examination to be the way of duty, or if there prove to be no moral element in the question, so much the better. Leaving the question as to which holds out the greater inducements, to be decided by each for himself, let us look at some of the reasons assigned why students ought to go to McMaster Hall. It is said that if they do not go there benevolent men in the denomination will cease to contribute. It is also said that in refusing to go to Toronto ungratefulness is shown for favors already received. With profound respect to the benevolence of the denomination, and with deep gratitude to the benefactors of the college, it may be said that ministerial students are not, to any great extent, the special objects of charity. This is shown from the fact that the Ministerial Education Fund this year, only admitted of an appropriation of ten dollars each; and, as far as we know, there is not one, the financial responsibility of whose education is assumed by any church, or by any individual, from motives purely benevolent. Those then who go abroad for Theology are on much the same footing as those who go for Law or Medicine. If the latter are freed from moral restraint, as to the place they select to pursue their studies, surely the former ought to be.

But he is told that he ought to be loyal. Loyal to what? To some section of country? Sunday School teachers have left the impression that "the field is the world." To a particular institution? Then it would seem reasonable that the one which has for years been educating our men, is that to which fealty is owed. The truth is, the student is morally free to go wherever he pleases; and as he will doubtless please to go where the greatest pecuniary inducements are held out, it remains for those who are desirous of keeping the young men at home, to do all they can to increase the attractions of McMaster Hall by supplementing the truly noble gift of its worthy founder, and for the churches to encourage young men in their arts course, so as to have a claim to dictate to them, where they shall or shall not go for Theological training and settlement.

IN presenting our compliments to our subscribers, we would again like to remind them of their obligations to us. We shall not be satisfied unless we come out square at the end of the year. To do this we are wholly dependent on our subscribers. The list ought to be revised and increased; for it contains some names purely ornamental, and it does not contain a large number of those we should be proud to enroll. A dollar apiece from our friends is not so much to them, and it is our existence as a college paper. We hope none will read beyond this line, without first clearing his conscience respecting this matter.

WE are pleased to be able to announce that Dr. Schurman is to lecture in Assembly Hall, the last of March, on "Darwinian Theories and their Results." As the Dr. is a former student and professor of Acadia, as well as one of the leading instructors in Philosophy on the continent, he will no doubt be greeted by a full house.

NOVELTY IN LITERATURE.

THE mind of man strives continually after the impossible. Failing of this it reaches into the unknown, and brings therefrom ideas and objects of knowledge, which by its own processes are moulded into realities. This faculty we experience in ourselves and recognize in others. It therefore follows that the result of novelty is two-fold. It awakens interest in the mind of the spectator, and satisfaction in the mind of the operator. The latter is also in most instances of a double character, implying not only the pleasure of discovery, but also the cognizance of approbation. Experience and observation in the various departments of science illustrate and confirm these principles. Here each latest product of critical research is immediately examined and classified, its phenomena studied and its peculiarities noted. In the realm of mechanics, the inventive genius finds ample reward for the weariness of extended investigation in the discovery itself, and again in the adoption thereof by the public.

Novelty in any regard will excite attention. This does not necessarily argue approval, but when such is deserved it must exist, as a nearer or more remote