

"mare's nest" theory is consequently wholly inapplicable—and his inadequate conclusion, that the success of Mohamedanism, Buddhism, Roman Catholicism, &c., is attributable to the training of youth, becomes pointless. Have these great systems of religion in the past been purposeless? May they not have been instrumental, to some extent, in paving the way for Christianity? We pointedly deny having made any reference to "old fogies," or to have questioned their knowledge. We simply allocated Mr. Allen to that nook in the temple of philosophy of which he himself speaks so proudly. He may if he wishes drive realism to its utmost limits, and idealism to ridiculous conclusions; all we ask is that he will leave us unfettered.

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"Turn again, Whittington,
Thrice Lord Mayor of London."

IN those good old days it would seem that London, unlike Kingston, believed in a second term; to give a third term was not wholly out of the question. Without pronouncing on the point, so far as cities and their Mayors are concerned, we are heartily in favour of the London way of doing things, so far as our Chancellorship is concerned. Chancellor Fleming has had two terms, and at a meeting held on the 16th inst., the Council unanimously elected him for the next three years. His nomination paper was signed by members of various creeds and professions, and all were unanimous in declaring that a better man for the office was not to be found in Canada, and that he had fully deserved the honour by his interest in the University and his devotion to the duties of his office. By some men the office would probably be regarded as merely titular (?); but Mr. Fleming has made it such a reality that in the future no man will venture to fill his shoes without making up his mind to do real work. He has been at the front whenever needed.

During the discussion on confederation it was most important for the university to have at its head a man whom no one could suspect of interested local, sectarian, or professional views, and who was able to estimate at its real weight one of the most flashy and hollow schemes ever proposed to an educated people. We believe that there is not a student who would not have voted for Mr. Fleming if students were given the chance. Perhaps by 1889 the franchise will have been given to undergraduates; and if so, we should say that Sandford Fleming will have a good chance for a fourth term.

DR. SCHURMAN, one of the professors of philosophy in Dalhousie College, has accepted the chair of philosophy in Cornell, and some Canadian newspapers regard the appointment as a legitimate subject for congratulation. We are at a loss to know why either Canada or Dr. Schurman is to be congratulated. Canada loses a very promising professor, and she has too few to enable her to afford such a loss. We ought to look forward to a Canadian Philosophical School, and it is therefore important that our own colleges should be manned by our most vigorous thinkers. If there was any promotion in the case, we would be more readily reconciled to the translation; but we cannot see the promotion, and are inclined to think that Dr. Schurman has made a mistake. Cornell's reputation rests entirely on its equipment as a school of practical science. It has done nothing in philosophy, and it is not now equipped for work in this department. It has only one chair in philosophy, from which nothing has ever emanated, whereas Dalhousie has no fewer than three chairs. It is true that one of these, the one filled by the late Principal, is now vacant; but it is likely to be filled before long. Cornell has more students than Dalhousie, but few of them go with any intention of studying philosophy.