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WE extend to the Rev. Dr. Briggs a hearty welcome to Queen's, on behalf of all our students who honour rare learning and active virtue combined in one man. The combination is somewhat unusual, because it is generally necessary to live in the study in order to become a great scholar. "Man can have but one Paradise," said Mahommed, as he turned regretfully away from beautiful Damascus, preferring not to risk his chance of the Paradise above by entering one upon earth. He who would gain solid scholarship must not expect a reputation in Church Courts or on the platform. The day for "admirable Crichtons," who knew all subjects and challenged all comers, is past, never to return. But, Dr. Briggs has won distinction in many fields. He is admittedly a great scholar, a keen debater and vigorous speaker, a leader in Educational Reform, and always a man who has the courage of his opinions. On Sunday afternoon, the gallery will be reserved for students. We hope that Convocation Hall may prove elastic enough to hold their friends, and that ushers will be on hand to do their best for the crowd.

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"No case; abuse the plaintiff," was the writing on a bit of paper handed by the Senior Counsel on the defendant's side to his Junior brother. It is a poor role to play even in a

Court House; but how much poorer in so-called religious newspapers! Why is it that in so many of them we seldom see a reference to higher criticism without a sneer? It is perfectly well-known that this branch of criticism, as distinguished from that which is merely textual, is a recognized branch of learning, with its rules and principles and with results to show in general history and literature as well as in connection with Old Testament writings. To sneer at it simply exhibits ignorance; and it is not wise on the part of those who pose as the special friends of religion to give to the public so very patent an exhibition that they scarcely know what they are talking about. At any rate, it avails as much to flout higher mathematics or higher criticism as to butt against a railway train in motion.

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A new development in Monday's *Whig* of the subject dealt with by the letters of "Anti-Party" and "Quasi-Modo" in the two last issues of the JOURNAL brings the matter up again. The question at issue was the propriety of students attending political meetings and showing partiality for a party. We felt that "Anti-Party" went decidedly too far when he said that the conduct of the students at the meeting in question showed, that after the earnest efforts of the Professors of Queen's to give their students a liberal culture, "but a very slight commotion had been set up in the old stock ideas and prejudices of even their best students." We felt that "Anti-Party" could hardly be in earnest in implying that attendance at political meetings was inconsistent with liberal culture, and we think that there is considerable reason in "Quasi-Modo's" contention that the students did right in seeking to get a fair hearing for a speaker who was going single-handed to prefer serious charges against a minister in a hostile camp. So far as strength could be given by applause, and a hearing gained by frowning down disturbance, it was worthy of students to adopt such means. It is not the most valuable culture which feels