

OUR LECTURE COURSE.

Friday evening, Dec. 14th, saw College Hall lighted, intimating for the first time this term, that the students were to be treated to a lecture; the speaker on this occasion being Dr. Burns, of Halifax. His subject, which he handled admirably, was "My trip across the Rockies." This trip was undertaken by some of the members of the Presbyterian Assembly, at the close of its session in Winnipeg.

After leaving Calgary he described minutely the appearance of the surrounding country, particularizing the Valley of the Bow; Alberta, which he claims has four millions of acres of grazing land, superior to that of the United States; Anthracite Station, a short distance from a fine coal mine, having a seam eight feet in thickness; Castle Mt., as seen in the glory of the setting sun; Kicking Horse Pass; Donald, the future city of the Rockies; the Double Loop, the greatest engineering feat in the history of railroads; Eagle Pass; The Sheswaw Lakes, the Killarnies of the Rockies, with the burning beams of the setting sun, reflected from their waters; the Frazer River and Vancouver.

A glowing sketch of cataracts, streams, &c., in a manner which showed beyond a doubt his great power as a word painter was given and a beautiful picture of the jutting crags, towering canons, and trestle bridges which caused the massive proportions of these huge structures of nature and art to loom up vividly before his hearers.

Having reached the summit of the Rockies by the twenty-first of June—the day on which the loyal subjects of Her Majesty were commemorating her Jubilee.—these, no less loyal hearts beat in chorus with the Sons of Britain everywhere, and from the lofty heights was heard to ring the good old "National Anthem," while the hollows and deep recesses all around echoed their patriotic chorus.

Having held the attention of his audience for more than an hour, with his interesting and instructive lecture, he concluded by giving an account of the advantages of the Country, and by propounding in his own inimitable sarcasm, the question:—Are we ready to annex the United States to the Dominion? He evidently believes in "Canada for the Canadians."

It is needless to waste words on the abilities of the Rev. Doctor as a lecturer. He has established such

a high reputation as to render such a labor superfluous. Suffice it to say that on this occasion he touched his subject with a master hand. We may only hope the students will be able soon to hear from him again.

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COLLEGE ITEMS.

St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, N. B., is now provided with a gymnasium costing \$1,800.

Toronto University has a fund of \$3000 towards a gymnasium, and their new building—a handsome grey stone structure—for the Biological and Physiological department, is rapidly approaching completion.

The Collegiate School, Windsor, N. S., has opened a subscription list for the new gymnasium. The \$10, and the \$5 and the \$1 seem to be coming in quite fast.

Middlebury College, (Vt.,) has received an additional, \$50,000 for her endowment fund.

The late Adam Gifford has bequeathed £25,000 to Edinburg University; £20,000 each to Aberdeen and Glasgow Universities; and £15,000 to St. Andrew's University.

The Freshman class in Cornell numbers 408.

The University of Bologna, the oldest institution in the world, will soon celebrate its 800th anniversary.

There are nine colleges in the United States which have more than a thousand students.

A professorship of physical culture, with an endowment of \$50,000, is to be established at Amherst College, as a memorial to Henry Ward Beecher.

The Students of the University of Michigan have petitioned the Legislature to prohibit the sale of liquors within five miles of the college.

A University in honor of the late President Garfield, is to be established in Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. Garfield has given \$10,000 towards the enterprise.

Yale's faculty numbers 140.

Oxford University is the largest in the world. It embraces twenty-one colleges and five halls. It has an annual income of \$6,000,000.