

popular works of fiction give countenance to the belief that piety and intellectual poverty are closely allied. They do not boldly affirm that this is true--that religion flourishes mostly in mental weakness--but their whole trend gives support to this notion." The writer treats his subject ably enough, but we fail to see that he suggests any practical remedy for the prevailing spirit antagonistic to piety, of which he so bitterly complains. In our humble opinion the mere reading of the Bible in the public schools will not avail much towards the attainment of the end desired.

The Christmas number of the *Dial*, has an attractive appearance. Its contents are fairly interesting.

The special number of the *Mount St. Joseph Collegian*, is filled with short spicy articles. We fail to see in it any original poetry. In fact, at present there seems to be a more than usual lack of original verse in the majority of our exchanges. "There is ever a calm before a storm" says the sage, and his saying just at present makes us think of Spring, Gentle Spring!

Dr. Harper is authority for the statement that only one college president in the United States receives as much as \$10,000 per annum, President Jordan, of Leland Standford, and only two others as much as \$8,000.

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The corps of editors of the *University of Chicago Weekly*, are paid for their services. At the Boston University the faculty has voted to allow work done on college papers to count an hour's work in the course, allowing seven hours per week for the managing editor and two hours to each of his assistants.

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The Christmas issue of the *Bates Student* contains a neat engraving of the editorial staff of that journal. The *Student* is slightly overburdened with editorials. They are all, however, pointed, and well written.

SOCIETIES.

A largely attended meeting of the members of the Senior Debating Society

was held shortly after the Christmas holidays, for the purpose of selecting a committee and transacting other business. The French students having determined that it would not be advisable for them to form a separate society this year, have amalgamated with the senior society and will hereafter take part in its regular debates. The following were chosen to form the committee of management for the coming year:--J. Murphy, C. Mea, W. Walsh and E. Fleming. Rev. Father Patton will be director.

A large audience was present at the first debate of the Senior Debating Society. Not was it at all disappointed for the contending speakers ably upheld the opposite sides of the question under consideration. The subject of debate was,--Resolved that the indiscriminate adoption of modern inventions merely to expedite labor is baneful to the best interests of society.--Messrs Murphy and Holland, supported the affirmative; Messrs McDougal and Quilty the negative. The vote was a close one, the negative securing a majority of only five. Several members spoke from the house.

At a meeting of the Junior Debating Society, composed of the Fourth Grade, and the First, Second and Third forms, those elected to office are as follows:--President, E. McCabe; vice-president, J. Tobin; committee, O. Laplante, J. Ryan, E. McDowall and E. Donegan. Rev. Father Howe has been asked to act as director.

The first debate of the Junior Society was also largely attended. The subject was,--Resolved that Nero was a better emperor than Caligula. Messrs McCabe and Ryan argued for the affirmative, Messrs Laplante and MacDonald for the negative. The vote gave the victory to the negative by a majority of one, forty-six votes being cast for the affirmative and forty-seven for the negative.

The Scientific Society in a short time will re-commence its entertainments. Those of the students who last year were fortunate enough to attend its interesting