

for him; he had given up life for his side, and, in despair, now would be a fitting season in which to end his days. The Colonel on his inspection viewed the young man, who still remained as if dumb. The Commander knew that in his train was a good sister of mercy, not in black habit, but a mother, who had lost a boy in the service and whose husband was now in the field. She was an Angel of Mercy; sent for, she came; to the hospital she went, and spake to the discontented Southerner. He still persisted in his refusal to answer. She, as a mother, appealed to him to remember perhaps those at home; their grief if death should overtake him. Relentless, he lay with no word to disclose his identity. Hopeless seemed the good woman's work, but ere she departed made one final appeal, a touching one to a young and tender heart. She called him to remember, perhaps, his sweetheart, basking in the sunny South in expectation of his return with glorious deeds achieved. He answered not; she moved to go, but a sudden thought came to her. She took the red rose pinned to her bosom and gave to him that it might seem to remind him of home and his earthly Paradise. "Thanks," barely gasped he, as he received the little token in his hand. The good woman, tendering her kindly aid, promised a visit on the morrow.

The promise was fulfilled. The ministering woman did come, but in place of the piercing eyes of the young Captain, there was found a vacant cot. The Reaper had claimed him as his own—a martyr to firmness of will. To his grave he went bravely, and a simple board before a small mound bears the inscription, "Unknown."

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We are glad to see that our respected Provost is convalescent, and able to be about again. By the counsel of his medical advisers he is spending a few days at Niagara. He sails on the 10th, for England, where he purposes spending the long vacation. We trust he will return invigorated, and the commencement of next term may find him amongst us again engaged as usual in the discharge of his official duties.

Several weeks ago the announcement was made that Local Examinations for Matriculation and Scholarships would hereafter be held in the various High Schools of the Province, subject to the same conditions as the University of Toronto now hold theirs. Also that steps were being taken for the establishment of a uniform standard of work for examination with Queen's and Victoria Universities. We congratulate the Corporation on these two important steps towards the improvement of our University standing. The next step should be a federation of the degree-conferring powers of these three Universities.

The present age has been called an age of progress, and so it is, but whether this progress is towards better things or worse, the future alone can decide. For our part we confess to no slight uneasiness when we look upon the unsettled state of things, when we see the vast changes that are being made. On all sides is change, it seems as if the disturbances of the physical world had found their way into the societies of men. The relations between different classes are disturbed, and anarchist teaching seems to be spreading with giant strides o'er the land. Law and order are openly denounced, recourse to dynamite and assassin's knife openly preached, while men are trying to overthrow the faith in the being of that God Who made them. In this case the question as to what is our duty as Christians and as educated men, will often occur to us. To those of us who are entering the professions this question is doubtless of great importance. How are we to deal with these things when we meet them in our own public life? Each one of us must answer this question for himself. The more the subject is studied the more it will be found that the only satisfactory answer to it must rest upon that foundation of Divine revelation vouchsafed by God.

It has unfortunately been our lot more than once to deplore the lack of interest taken in College affairs by the men, especially in one in which we are most interested, namely, ROUGE ET NOIR. This is not as it should be. A College paper, as the organ of its students, should be supported by the students. We don't speak altogether of support from a monetary point of view, although that in its place is very necessary, but we allude to the contributions of articles and other matter for publication by the students. This year, with one or two exceptions, we have not received any contributions from the men in residence. In this category we do not include correspondence, it, as a rule, deals with personal and private grievances with which we have nothing to do. Why this apathetic state should exist we are at a loss to determine. It cannot surely be due to the fact that our students are lacking in mental calibre. We do not ask for the discussion of deep scientific questions, what we desire are good, readable articles, which can entertain as well as instruct, and to