

Exchanges

WE notice by the *Gazette* that the agitation for caps and gowns is making some progress in Dalhousie which is about the only Canadian College of any pretensions where they are not in use. The Benefits of a Vocal Education are discussed in a rather one sided manner evidently by one who is not himself an orator. "What benefit do we derive from a man, be he ever so eloquent, if his eloquence consists merely of a mad jumble of words! Verily I am constrained to believe the remark of an eminent college professor who said, that when two politicians were arguing together he knew no better definition of a vacuum."

Argosy discusses British Colonial Supremacy in a very interesting paper. "Every British colonist, no matter how many generations separate him from the British Isles, feels himself a part of the Empire, and in him the fire of patriotic loyalty to the old land burns as strongly as in the native born Englishman."

"The Relation of McMaster University to the Theological Trend of the Age" as contained in the *Monthly*, speaks in no uncertain voice of the position which McMaster takes on the religious questions of the day. "The business of McMaster University is to do Christ's will, to carry out his great commissions. Her holy task is to give the gospel to the lost, and discipline saved souls that they may be meet for the Master's use, and go forth in the spirit of loving obedience to their God-appointed duties."

The *Theologue* has again resumed its labours and contains much interesting reading for sympathisers with the Presbyterian College. An account is given of mission work at Fifteen Mile Stream, "forty miles from anywhere," which will recall to old Acadia men many delightful trips of their own to "Hard Scrabble Mountain" and other noted places, where the first bursts of their budding eloquence exploded harmlessly among the astonished rocks and spruces!

The "Humours of the Saw" in *McGill Fortnightly* contains many examples of brilliant passes of wit between lawyer and judge, which serve to relieve the gloom of the Court Room. "Once Sir Frank Lockwood was engaged on the opposite side from Sir Charles Russell (now Lord Russell) who was trying to brow beat a witness into giving a direct answer "Yes" or "No."

You can answer any question "Yes" or "No," declared Sir Charles. "Oh, can you?" returned Lockwood. "May I ask if you have left off beating your wife?"