

as I am able to understand him—are not mine. It seems to me that the only incongruity about the proposal is the connection of Sir John's name with the dismal science. There are other politicians whose names could be more fitly tacked on to such a chair. I would suggest as more appropriate a chair of Civil Polity, a subject that includes not only political economy, but the whole science of government and all the social and industrial problems of the day. In the emphatic language of Mr. Blake, "It is a shame that we have not a chair of political science in Toronto, Queen's or any other of our universities." If, however, the thing is to be, and if nothing but political economy will serve, I offer no objections. The only stipulation needed, though this is probably wholly unnecessary, is that the professor shall not teach the political economy of the *Toronto Globe*. It would require not an ordinary professor, but the most skilful of Mr. Forepaugh's circus riders to straddle two such horses as free trade and exclusion of the Chinese. You would laugh at any man who taught one day that there should be free trade in the products of labor, and the next day taught that there should be so called "protection" for some laborers by keeping other laborers out of the country. And, gentlemen, though you may laugh at newspapers, discipline requires that you should never laugh at a professor.

## THE ROYAL COLLEGE.

### OPENING OF THE SESSION.

THE vacation has passed, all too quickly, both for the student who sought in it pleasure only, and for him who wished profit as well. As birds to the South hie at the approach of the cold season, so have the medicals returned to the Royal to hibernate in and about the "Den." By this time almost all the old faces have reappeared, a few, however, have temporarily or permanently, from one cause or other, dropped from the ranks, and we miss them. One unfortunate had his course cut short by death since we separated in April last. We refer to Joseph J. Petty, of Warkworth, who had been but a short time engaged in the study of medicine. He died early in the summer. The sympathy of all the students is extended to those who most mourn his loss. Over thirty new faces are mingled with the old, and a stalwart set of Freshmen they are. More are expected as the session advances. We have not missed any one of their number, though we almost expected one or two of them at least would slope off after a certain Professor told them they might disabuse their minds of the notion that they were coming up to enlist in a profession whose ranks are thin. Still, let the Freshie remember there is lots of room up stairs, and see to it that he gets there. For more than he may imagine depends on himself, as the little boy remarked, "God made me so long, and I grew the rest."

The third year men of last year have assumed all the dignity of Finals. Though their numbers be few, yet doubt not but their zeal and determination will atone for quantity, so that the three junior and larger years will be kept in their proper places. To this end the *Concursus Virtutis* has been again instituted, as we mention elsewhere, with a judicial staff worthy of it, and now let the Fresh beware, nor let the second or third year man presume on

his so recently assumed advance in years. For though the Finals be few, as we said—well, we are here reminded of the little hundred pound Bostonian who though small, warned intruders to keep off, for when "mad" he weighed a ton.

A departure was made from the usual opening, and as a formal one, an address was given to the students on the inaugural day of the session. The speaker was the dean of the Faculty, Dr. Fowler. The address was given on the afternoon of Monday, the 6th Oct., before a large course of students, our Faculty, and representatives of the University. The doctor's remarks contained much sound and terse advice to the students, and were highly and deservedly appreciated. The address may be had in the *Whig* of the 7th Oct. We hope that in the future these inaugural addresses may be continued, and we would suggest in Convocation Hall, which would be well filled.

W. H. HENDERSON, M. D., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed to the Professorship of Practical Anatomy in addition to that of Histology, and other duties. We are confident that from his zeal and interest in the College, and popularity with the students and others, he will reflect much credit on the chair he has been called to, and upon himself. We are glad the chair has been so wisely filled, for there is no subject in which the student looks for and needs more assistance than in Practical Anatomy. He will be assisted by Messrs Stirling and Dixon, the Associate Demonstrations.

The Royal has had its first summer session since we last met. It began early in August, and ran on till nearly the beginning of the winter session. It was somewhat in the nature of an experiment, and therefore it cannot be fairly criticised as yet. We hope it was an earnest of good things to come. The attendance of students was not large, owing, probably, to the late announcement of it. Most of the students in Kingston and its vicinity availed themselves off it, however. Some of the Professors were very faithful in attendance, and some interesting clinics were given. The students themselves were blameworthy in several instances for dilatoriness in attendance. But, perhaps, hot weather was a sufficient excuse. We hope next year it will be held before the dog days. One admirable feature of the course was several lectures on various phases of insanity, given at the Asylum by Drs. Metcalf and Clarke. These were very full and practical, and much appreciated by all who enjoyed them. Practical examples of the subjects treated were seen at each lecture. Quite an impression was made, at least on one of our Final men.

The Class of Practical Chemistry was attended by about a dozen students, and was a thorough success. This was under the tuition of Mr. Wm. Nicol, B.A., '83, Gold Medalist, who was much liked as a teacher.

The following gentlemen passed their examination on that subject at the close of the Summer Session: Messrs. Allen, Anglin, Collins, Creeggan, Foley, Gibson, Keith, McVety, Nimmo, Scales and White.