

urge the objections made by the teachers in University College, London, they leave themselves open to the rejoinder that the professors of that and of Owen's College have been as distinguished for original research as those of any of the British Colleges. As a matter of fact, what is best in each particular case must be determined by the particular circumstances, and the arguments of Professors Macgregor and Schurman have not convinced me that Nova Scotia would be acting wisely in abolishing the University of Halifax, much less that it would be a good thing to reduce Toronto University either in theory or practice to the condition of a mere appendage to University College. So far am I from holding this view, that I would be glad, in order that the system might have a fair trial, to see all the examiners appointed from the ranks of scholars who are not teachers in any college; provided always that good men could be found, which is at present problematical. But to discuss this last point fully is beyond the range of a paper intended merely to direct attention to the fact that there is at least one great question on which the graduates of Toronto University will yet have to think and perhaps take action.

M. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

'WRITING for posterity,' says Boucicault, 'is like life insurance—a speculation in which you have to die to realize.' Yet when a man is bold enough to say openly that he prefers the good opinion of his contemporaries to that of posterity, he is pretty sure to be thought brutal by those same contemporaries. A curious generosity this, for which the world never gets credit from itself, and which shows itself once more in the popular phrase, 'the good old times,' idolatry of Greek torsos, and hat-doffing to the 'old masters' generally. But, after all, no picture of starvation laying up for itself plaudits in posterity is of the kind to make most of us care to exchange our vulgar bellyful for it. Look on this sketch of Bagehot's, with its evident loving preference for the 'succeeding age.' 'Both Wordsworth and Lord Jeffrey have received their rewards. The one had his own generation, the laughter of men, the applause of drawing-rooms; the other, a succeeding age, the fond enthusiasm of secret students, the lonely rapture of lonely minds.' It is all very well to exclaim, 'Ah, but think, the happiness of the thought that future epochs will resound with your name!' But future epochs will be present epochs some time; and, like the present, capricious. Success in posterity is a good deal like success in life, in its dependence on chance. We all know and envy Sydney Smith; and Samuel Rogers says: 'Witty as Smith was, I have seen him at my own house absolutely overpowered by the superior facetiousness of William Bankes.' Yet who in this generation ever heard of William Bankes?

MR. BLAKE, when in Montreal, found time to make an address at McGill College, full of interest and good maxims, and animated by an apparent appreciation of the difficulties and terrors of students. It was thoroughly practical, as such an address ought to be. We have the ever-memorable, now almost sacred, example of Carlyle in his Edinburgh address. Carlyle's advice was more general; Mr. Blake's, chiefly professional. He repeated his views on the value of breadth and culture in a professional career. He regretted that Ontario was unable to offer the same kind of legal tuition that the Law School of McGill affords the eastern province, and recommended the general study of jurisprudence, even to non-lawyers. After touching on the wide topic of legal ethics, he gave some advice in regard to preparing an address, emphasizing good classification, and warning his hearers against 'overloading the memory with phrases,' speaking with nothing to say, and when you have said your say. After reading such speeches as Mr. Blake's are when away from home, one can hardly help feeling a little sorry that his official addresses in his own University must unavoidably be statistical.

WE have all to thank Mr. Pringle of Napanee for his pamphlet on Ingersollism, and also the benevolent Freethinker who made possible its publication. The book is entertaining, even if not likely to do much good, at all events immediately, to the cause in which it speaks. The fact is, only those read such a book in a fair spirit who have some leaning to the doctrine set forth.

'VARSITY MEN.—We are very sorry to learn that Mr. McKee ('72, Silver Medalist in Metaphysics) has, on account of his health, been compelled to resign his position as a teacher in the Woodstock Institute.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF SENATE.

The following statement has been handed to us for publication. It has been compiled, we are informed, from the returns to the Local House, made under the direction of the University Act by the Registrar. The Senate being a representative body, the attendance of its members is a fair subject of inquiry; and at this juncture, when we are on the eve of an election, the information thus given will be of use as an assistance towards forming a proper opinion—two of the outgoing candidates applying to be re-elected and a new candidate appearing under the protection of the third outgoing candidate, who retires:

NAME.	Capacity in which Member Attends.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	No. of Meetings Attended by each Senator.	REMARKS.
		23	12	16	21		
C. S. Gzowski, C.E.	Crown.....	2	none	none	none	2	Reappoint'd, '77, again, 1880, '78
D. Wilson.....	"	18	7	13	17	55	Reappointed, '78
Rev. Mr. Macdonell.	"	12	none	3	1	16	"
Judge Patterson.....	"	1	none	none	3	4	"
Hon. Wm. McMaster	"	3	none	1	6	10	Reappointed, '79
Judge Gwynne.....	"	6	none	none	none	6	"
Mr. McMahon, Q.C.	"	1	none	none	none	1	Appointed, 1877, Reappointed, '80
Rev. Mr. Caven.....	"			2	2	2	Appointed, 1880
Hon. Edward Blake..	Chancellor			2	1	3	Re-elected, May, 1879.
Hon. Thos. Moss.....	Vice-Chan.	21	11	12	4	48	
Prof. Croft.....	Ex-Vice-Chancellor	9	6	3	10	28	
Mr. Langton.....	"		1	11	15	27	
Judge Morrison.....	Ex-Chan...	4	none	1	none	5	
Dr. L. W. Smith.....	Ex-Vice-Chancellor	1	none	1	6	8	
Hon. A. Crooks.....	Chancellor						
Dr. McCaul.....	Minister of Education.			1		1	
Dr. McCaul.....	Ex-Vice-Chancellor		1			1	
Principal Cockburn..	U. C. Coll.	20	3	6	8	37	
Prof. Chapman.....	Univ. Coll.	1	not in office			1	Term ended, '77.
" Kingston.....	"	1	not in office			1	"
" Wright.....	"	6	9	n't in office		15	Ended May, '79.
" Young.....	"	6	2	n't in office		8	"
" Buckland.....	"	n't in office		5	10	15	"
Mr. Pearman.....	"	n't in office		3	17	20	"
Dr. Fyfe.....	Woodstock	3				3	
Prof. Wells.....	"	not in office			7	7	
Dr. Tassie.....	High Sch's	1	not in office			1	Term expired, '77
Mr. MacMurchy.....	"	10	8	12	18	48	
T. Hodgins.....	Law Soc'y.	4	3	7	1	15	Res'd early in '80
Mr. Crickmore.....	"	not in office			6	6	Appointed, 1880.
Dr. Aikins.....	Toronto Sch. Med.	8	3	2	5	18	
Dr. Fulton.....	Trinity Med. Sch.	2	6	12	13	33	
Dr. Ogden.....	Toronto Sch. Med. Elected	not in office			2	2	
W. Mulock.....	"	14	7	7	15	43	Re-elected, 1877.
Judge Boyd.....	"	13	9	2	10	34	" 1877.
Dr. Oldwright.....	"	20	6	8	18	52	" 1877.
J. M. Gibson.....	"	6	3	4	8	21	" 1878.
Dr. Richardson.....	"	3	2	3	11	19	" 1878.
Dr. McLellan.....	"	3	not in office			3	
Prof. Loudon.....	"	20	10	7	17	54	" 1879.
Dr. Thorburn.....	"	9	5	4	4	22	" 1879.
T. Kirkland.....	"	11	not in office			11	
J. Fisher.....	"	2	none	none	none	2	
A. F. Campbell.....	"	10	5	none	3	18	" 1880.
T. W. Taylor.....	"	20	7	11	6	44	Elected, 1876.
Dr. McFarlane.....	"	9	3	4	7	23	" 1876.
Rev. Dr. MacNish....	"	none	none	none	none		" 1876.
S. Woods.....	"	none	1	1	none	2	Elected, 1877—
J. Bethune.....	"	n't in office					Re-elected, 1880.
Dr. Graham.....	"	n't in office		1	none	1	Elected, 1878.
J. King.....	"	not in office		6	9	15	" 1879.
				in office	7	7	" 1880.

The names of the following Crown Senators do not appear in the minutes as having attended meetings: Mr. John McKeown (term ending, 1877), Mr. John Macdonald (re-appointed, 1877, again, 1880), Hon. George Brown (re-appointed, 1879), Hon. M. Cameron (appointed, 1879).

Mr. Patton's name is not mentioned in the minutes as attending, although an *ex officio* member.