

of its existence. Several numbers have come into our hands, and so striking have been the merits of the articles they contain, and so thoroughly national in the best sense of the word does the whole undertaking appear to us, that we make no apology for introducing the *University Magazine* to the attention of the readers of ACTA.

From Dr. Edgar, one of the editors, we have gathered certain facts as to the origin of the *Magazine*. The old *McGill Quarterly* went out of existence to make way for a magazine of a more national character. Some Montreal writers asked for assistance from certain people here interested in the furtherance of Canadian literature. The Canadian Society of Authors seized the opportunity of practical usefulness, held a dinner, at which McGill and Toronto universities were strongly represented, and the present *University Magazine* was instituted. The *Nineteenth Century and After* ranks it with the great English monthlies. ACTA VICTORIANA will not venture to improve upon the praise of a contemporary journal, but will simply say that it welcomes the ambition to publish in Canada a dignified national magazine, learned without pedantry, and witty without malice, and wishes it abundant success.



Death of Dr. Bain

As we go to press the College is plunged into mourning by the news of the sudden death of our Registrar, Professor Abraham R. Bain, M.A., LL.D. We regret that at present we can do no more than tender our sympathy to his bereaved family. In our next issue we hope to dwell more at length upon the valuable services Dr. Bain has rendered to Victoria throughout his long and active professional life.

Owing to this bereavement, the annual Conversat. of the College will not be held on December 4th, as had been arranged.



Our Literary Competitions

We trust that none of our readers will forget the annual essay and short-story competitions. We sincerely hope that the experience of last year in this connection will never again be repeated. We quote from an editorial of last February: "That