

still think that this work should be a labor of love; and we only give one of the many reasons why it should be so. Let it become a standing rule that a certain allowance will be made to editors and at once to that extent the liberty of the College press suffers. Now without liberty the usefulness of any College paper is gone. But this whole subject is one rather delicate because of its personality therefore *we will not mention it*.

IT is with the deepest regret that we record the sudden death, on the 22nd ult., of Alpheus Todd, LL.D., Parliamentary Librarian at Ottawa, and one of Queen's most distinguished graduates. In his death, which was caused by the eruption of a blood-vessel in the brain, a national loss has been sustained which it is hard to estimate. Dr. Todd was born in England in 1821, coming to this country in 1833. Prior to the union of the Provinces, he was Assistant Librarian to the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada, and was continued in the same office by United Canada, until 1856, when he was appointed Chief Librarian. In this year a grant of £10,000 was made to the Library which at the time, was very small, having been greatly reduced by fires, and Mr. Todd was sent to Europe to expend this sum. The task was accomplished with the greatest skill and judgment, and the main foundation of the present magnificent collection of 108,000 vols. was laid. Amid the absorbing duties of his office and their exhaustive nature he found time to supply valuable contributions to the history of Constitutional and Parliamentary Government. As our Principal said, when presenting him to Chancellor Flemming for the degree of Doctor of Laws, three years ago, "the British Constitution was Mr. Todd's first love, and his latest works show that he was faithful to the end." He was recognized by all the English world as an authority in these matters. While yet

a youth, not 20 years of age, the Doctor wrote a manual of parliamentary practice of such generally recognized value, that it was immediately adopted by the Legislature of United Canada for the use of members. In his greater works, which are written in a style remarkably lucid and easy, "we have the ripe fruit of life long research and mature thought, massing of details is combined with breadth of view, appreciation of constitutional forms with political insight, legal acumen with judicial impartiality." His principal works are: The Practice and Privileges of Parliament; Brief Suggestions in regard to the Formation of Local Governments; On the position of a Constitutional Governor under Responsible Government; Parliamentary Government in England; and Parliamentary Government in the British Colonies.

WENDELL PHILLIPS, the silver-tongued orator of the great Republic is no more. He was not connected with Queen's University nor was he a Canadian yet we were not worthy of a place as a public spirited journal did we not notice the loss which education and the cause of true liberty has suffered by the death of this citizen of the world. We are sorry that *The Week*, a journal purporting to be high up in the ranks of Canadian literature, has had the bad taste to sneer at the late orator's work even before his ashes are cold. This will necessitate a further notice in our next.

THE University of Edinburgh, having been founded in 1583, and having therefore attained a History of three hundred years, has determined on holding a Tercentenary Celebration, and has invited other Universities, &c., to send delegates to take part therein. The following invitation was recently received here:—

TERCENTENARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

The University of Edinburgh, founded in 1583, having now completed its three hundredth session, it has been