

during the long summer evenings. Just at present in Toronto students are too busy cramming for that interesting event for much to be said. There is nothing doing in college circles to report.

The free library is doing a good work. Since the circulating library has opened a real boon is afforded the citizens of this city. The selection of books is excellent, and the conditions of obtaining them very simple. Branches west and north afford greater facilities. A library of this kind is immensely superior to the old-time Mechanics' Institute libraries. In them the selection of books was very limited, owing, I suppose, to the want of funds. Toronto is now well favored in the shape of libraries. There is the lately opened free library, the one at the Parliament buildings, at Osgoode Hall, and the University; between them giving a very good and varied selection—so full, indeed, that one need not fail of obtaining from them almost any information required. Another time I shall attempt to give a fuller account of these libraries.

Our principal excitement of the past month has been the bribery scandal, and the resulting trials. It is much to be hoped that such a foul exhibition will never again be presented to a Canadian audience. It is well, however, to have this plague spot laid open, as thus we may hope for a cure.

The city's semi-centennial is looked forward to with great interest. The gentlemen in charge are admirably fitted for their post, and with the ready co-operation that is given by every citizen, it cannot fail of being a great success. It will certainly be second to nothing of the kind on the continent, unless perhaps the Mardi-gras of New Orleans. That it will be worthy of our city we may well believe.

Yours truly,

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Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all.—*Holmes.*