

simply because the teacher is compelled to solve all the hard problems and answer the questions of the lazy boys. Do not ask him to parse the difficult words and translate the hard sentences in Latin. Do it yourself. Never mind, though they look as dark as midnight. Don't ask even a hint, from any body. Try again. Every trial increases your ability, and you will finally succeed by dint of the very wisdom and strength gained in the effort, even though at first the problem was beyond your skill. It is the study, and not the answer, that really rewards your pains. Look at that boy who has just succeeded after six hours of hard study, perhaps; how his large eye is lit up with a proud joy, as he marches to his class. He treads like a conqueror. And well he may. Last night his lamp burned late, and this morning he waked at dawn. Once or twice he nearly gave up. He had tried his last thought; but a new thought strikes him, as he ponders over the last process. He tries once more and succeeds, and now mark the air of conscious strength with which he pronounces his demonstration. His poor, weak school mate who gave up that same problem after the first faint trial, now looks up to him with something of wonder, as to a superior being. And he is his superior. That problem lies there a great gulf between those boys who yesterday stood side by side. They will never stand together as equals again. The boy that did it for himself has taken a stride upward, and what is better still, has gained strength to take other and greater ones. The boy who waited to see others do it, has lost both strength and courage, and is already looking for some good excuse to give up school and study forever. The one is on the high way to a noble and masterly manhood; the other has already entered upon a life of defeat, disappointment and disgrace.—*Michigan Journal of Education.*

The following article from the *Christian Advocate*, is inserted with much pleasure. Every friend of the journal and of the staunch and true Christian Body, of which it is the organ, must rejoice in the happy termination of the unpleasant differences which of late threatened the peace and harmony of the denomination.

From the *Christian Advocate*.

THE BELLEVILLE SEMINARY.

The Board of Managers of the Belleville Seminary, held their first meeting in Belleville on Wednesday and Thursday, the 8th and 9th inst. The members present were the two Bishops, Reynolds and Smith, the Revs. James Richardson, Thomas Webster, I. B. Richardson, W. Brown, S. W. LaDu, and Benson Smith; and John Cummer, John Campbell, C. R. Mallery, and Philip Carman, Esqrs. Bishop Smith occupied the chair, and the Rev. W. Brown was chosen Secretary. The meeting being held with open doors, a number of spectators were constantly in attendance. The Buildings for the Institution were examined by the Board, and declared to be, in the main, of the most satisfactory character, affording ample accommodation for four hundred students. Considerable praise was lavished upon the Finance and Building Committees, especially the former, for the great sacrifices made in order to bring the Buildings to such a satisfactory completion. Steps were also taken to procure suitable furniture, to prepare the grounds, and to secure suitable Teachers so as to have the Institution in operation next Spring. Great harmony characterized the action of the Board, although some discussion was required to

bring about the result. In reference to the subject which has agitated the public mind concerning the Institution for the last few weeks, the Board came to a *unanimous decision* in the following resolution, which has been sent us for publication. It expresses substantially our views upon the subject, and we trust will give general satisfaction:—

Moved by the Rev. James Richardson, seconded, by the Rev. S. W. LaDu, and *unanimously*

Resolved, That this Board has observed with much surprise in the published Estimate of expenditure of the public funds in behalf of Education, the sum of £500 in aid of the "Episcopal Methodist College, Belleville;" inasmuch as the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada has no such Institution, neither has it ever contemplated the erection of such—therefore, so far as said church is concerned, said appropriation has no object. And further, we deem it proper now to declare that we could not have approved of the reception of such grant by our church, or by any of its agents, had it been made to the *Belleville Seminary*, or any other institution holding the same relation to us; as such grants render the institutions which receive them dependent on the Government of the day, or a dangerous exercise of patronage, and an unjustifiable and often invidious distribution of the public funds. While we are in favor of Legislative aid to higher Seminaries of learning, not intended to impart a sectarian education, we disapprove of such aid, unless it be given under some general system, similar to that regulating the distribution of the "*Literature Fund*" in the State of New York, which makes provision for all, but confers a special favor on none, and moreover is free from the influence or control of any Executive Government.

PHILANDER SMITH, *Chairman.*

W. Brown, *Secretary,*

Belleville, August 9th, 1855.

The Board also appointed a Committee, to consist of the Rev. James Richardson, Rev. S. W. LaDu, and John Cummer and C. R. Mallery, Esqs., to draft an Act of Incorporation for the Seminary, in time for the next session of the Legislature.

THE FOLLY OF DOING WRONG.

The man who cheats in trade is not merely a cheat, he is a fool; and the mean pleasure of the knave who passes off a counterfeit bill is the shabbier counterfeit of the two.

When Benedict Arnold betrayed his country, because he wanted money to minister to his vices, he was on no higher an intellectual level than the monkey who excoriates his throat with scalding water because he is thirsty. The man who anxiously avoids the shadow of a granite post, but dashes against the post itself, is not a whit more witless than he who fears the appearance of doing wrong but is not afraid to do the wrong he thinks will not appear.

When Lord Chesterfield counselled hollow-hearted politeness, and advised the forms of courtesy and graciousness instead of the things themselves, he must have seemed to any superior order of mortal beings as silly as the ape, who puts a wig upon his head and expects to be revered as a judge.

When Spain kindled the fires of the *auto-da-fe*, and stretched victims on the rack, those fires dried the blood out of her own heart; and, through the crippling and mangling of others limbs, she herself has never since been able to walk erect.

The bigotry of the Roman pontiff, which forced Galileo to deny the motion of the earth, did not stop that motion, but it did stop the intellectual activity—