

It is now the Supreme Court for all matters of conduct, and appeal beyond it is very difficult, as witness the recent Royal Commission. Therefore it should be conducted on strictly judicial principles as are the regular civil courts. Formerly the jury simply expressed their opinion of the prisoner's conduct as gathered from his demeanor and the testimony of others; now their verdict is the judicial judgment of the whole college, as represented by eight chosen men, and is strictly based on the evidence. Obviously this makes the procedure both difficult and slow. The recent difficulty could hardly have arisen under the old system, for the *moral proof* was clear, though the specific charge was not substantiated by the actual evidence submitted, and so the jury were bound to bring in an acquittal.

This gives the Court great importance. It is the custodian of every student's reputation; if improperly conducted, a standing menace to that reputation. It need no longer seek to maintain its prestige by artificial methods; its dignity is synonymous with justice, and faithfulness to the latter is the only method of preserving the former. On Judge, Attorneys and Jury is laid a great responsibility, which can only be properly discharged when fully realized. The report of the Commission in this respect was clear and emphatic; presented to such a representative and interested meeting it cannot fail to have a wholesome effect, for the present generation at least, on the judicial conscience of future members of the *Concursus*.

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We welcome into the field of Canadian periodical literature, *Massey's Magazine*, published by the Massey Press of Toronto. *Massey's* is to be a monthly magazine, and the January and February numbers have already been received. The first editorial expresses the unbounded confidence of the managers in the success of their venture, based on their long and successful experience in other lines of publication; their determination to spare no expense to procure the best of everything; to admit nothing objectionable in matter or tone; and, not least, to give all this for a dollar a year, or ten cents a copy. The magazine is superbly illustrated, tastefully decorated, and well printed on fine paper,—a good material foundation for the literary and moral excellence promised by the publishers. No department of Canadian activity is neglected; art, athletics, politics, and industry all find a place in this popular magazine. In the athletic department appears a cut of Queen's 94-95 hockey team, and all the articles are intelligently and impartially written. Among the contributors are Pauline Johnson, Bliss Carmen, Prof. Roberts, Prof. Clark,

Principal Caven, and Mr. J. W. Bengough. So, it may be seen, *Massey's* is fairly representative of contemporary Canadian literature.

It is earnestly to be hoped that *Massey's* will fulfil the mission it has undertaken. We want a bright, popular magazine, within the reach of all, to keep us informed on all that is happening throughout the world; to give us the history of questions which particularly affect Canadians; and to present to us in a cheap form the best that is being produced among us in literature and painting.

COMMUNICATIONS.

LETTER TO THE PRINCIPAL FROM REV. R. CHAMBERS (1866).

BOTH Robert Chambers and his brother are missionaries connected with the A.B.C.F.M., in Turkey in Asia. So are MacNaughton and McLachlan (1884). In this time of terrible trial our sympathies must go out to them. The following letter shows that even amid such trials the old *Alma Mater* is not forgotten.

BARDEZAG (Ismidt), February 18, 1896.

MY DEAR DR. GRANT:—

I posted a letter to you yesterday on the state of the country, and now add this on other matters.

I want to express my deep sympathy with you in the loss of dear old Dr. Williamson. How I learned to love him! I was a most immature and inexperienced lad when I entered Queen's. I look back now with wonder and a melting heart upon those days. How considerate my classmates were! How indulgent all my professors! But Dr. Williamson always showed the gentleness of a mother. My heart kindles when I think of the delicacy with which he used to cover my retreat after a failure in recitation, and of the generosity with which he commended any fairly successful effort. Utterly unselfish, single-minded, and an enthusiast, who that came in contact with him could fail to be benefitted by that contact? God be praised for such men; they are indeed "the salt of the earth." I knew Dr. Fenwick as a lad, and have followed his career with interest. You will feel his loss very severely. But perhaps the deepest impression will be made upon the students by the death of Stewart.

I have been glad to see Canada's response to the inconsiderate demand of Cleveland on the Venezuela question. Perhaps she is mistaken with reference to the tone of feeling throughout the States, and is a trifle too sensitive. I think the outcome of this incident will be for the moral benefit and strengthening of both countries.

What an inscrutable dispensation of Providence that England should be isolated and threatened at a moment when the existence of a Christian race, the results of half a century's missionary work, and the whole Protestant organization in the Bible lands are in imminent danger of irreparable destruction! Russia is now the director of