

shall make them more comely than costly garments. They will ever bear you witness in the character and conduct of your children; but your laces and embroideries will crumble to dust. Why don't mothers teach their children more, and dress them less.—*A Lady in Springfield Republican.*

#### 4. FRUIT STEALING—ITS IMMORAL TENDENCY.

We do not expect that anything we can now say on this subject will awaken those who have grown grey in their indifference to other people's property; but we do hope to stir up the young, whose habits are not yet formed, to a sense of the rights of others. If you must pilfer, cut the buttons from our Sunday coat, or take our watch, or the money from our pockets, but touch not our fruit.

It is often a matter of surprise and regret that fruit should not have been more cultivated among us. There is unhappily a very serious objection to its cultivation in our town and village gardens. Fruit-stealing, we regret to say, is a common crime in most parts of this country, and the principle on such subjects is as low as it well can be in our rural communities. It is not an uncommon occurrence to have our melon patch invaded, and the fruit plundered by ruthless thievish bands. Property of this kind, as well as other fruits, is almost without protection among us; it is petty larceny, and there are laws on the subject, but these are seldom or never enforced, and of course people are not willing to throw away money, time, and thought, to raise fruit for those who might raise it easily for themselves, if they would take the trouble and pains to do so. There can be no doubt that this state of things is a serious obstacle to the cultivation of choice fruits in our towns and villages. Horticulture would be in a much higher condition were it not for this evil. But the impunity with which boys, and we might say men, too, are allowed to commit thefts of this kind, is really a painful picture, for it must invariably tend to increase a spirit of dishonesty throughout the country.—*N. Y. Evangelist.*

#### 5. FORGIVENESS.

A beautiful gem of oriental literature is quoted by Sir William Jones, from the Persian poet Sadi:

The sandal tree perfumes, when riven,  
The axe that laid it low:  
Let man, who hopes to be forgiven,  
Forgive and bless his foe.

#### 6. A ROYAL PRAYER.

The death of the lovely Princess Amelia hastened the calamities of the royal household. In 1810, immediately after her death, Mr. Knight had the pleasant task of cataloguing and arranging her well-selected library, and he says: "It seemed like a voice from the tomb when I recently lighted upon a touching prayer which I had copied from a blank leaf of her Prayer Book. It will not be considered a violation of confidence if I print it.

"Gracious God, support Thy unworthy servant in this time of trial. Let not the least murmur escape my lips, nor any sentiment but of the deepest resignation enter my heart, and let me make the use Thou intendest of that affliction Thou hast laid upon me. It has convinced me of the vanity and emptiness of all things here; let it draw me to Thee as my support, and fill my heart with pious trust in Thee, and with the blessings of a redeeming Saviour, as the only consolations of a state of trial. Amen."—"Passages of a Working Life during Half a Century," by Charles Knight.

### IX. Educational Intelligence.

#### CANADA.

—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.—ANNUAL CONVOCATION.—The annual convocation of the Toronto University was held on the 8th inst., in the convocation hall of the University—Hon. Judge Morrison, Chancellor. The following gentleman were introduced to the Chancellor and admitted to degrees: M.D.—J. Henry, S. E. Shantz, presented by Dr. Barrett. M.A.—G. Cooper, E. Friaby, J. M. Gibson, J. Hubbard, J. Loudon, W. B. McMurrich, N. McNish, W. H. Withrow, S. Woods, presented by Mr. Blake, M.A. LL.B.—J. Idington, J. E. Farewell, G. Kennedy, J. Donaldson, J. F. Dugan, G. Y. Smith, J. F. McDonald, D. Lennox, presented by Mr. J. Roaf, M.A. M.B.—W. H. Bell, P. Constantinides, C. Douglass, A. Eby, J. Harley, M. J. Kelley, M. S. Langs, J. W. McLaughlin, J. B. Newman, H. Nichol, R. Potts, A. Sill, L. C. Sinclair, J. C. Thom, J. C. Tisdale, O. L. Vail, W. N. Whiteside, T. B. Whinn, presented by Dr. Barrett. B.A.—J. W. Bell, H. E. Buchan,

J. W. Connor, T. D. Craig, J. Fergusson, W. B. Fleming, T. Grover, R. Harbottle, R. Hill, W. N. Keefer, J. King, A. McCallum, J. McMillan, T. J. Robertson, J. Rosin, J. Rutledge, F. E. Seymour, W. Sharpe, E. F. Snider, H. B. Spotten, W. H. Vandersmissen, J. S. Wilson, presented by Mr. Blake, M.A. Dr. McCaul presented for *ad eundem* B.A., T. C. Patterson, (Oxonian), and J. A. Seath (Queen's University, Ireland). For *ad eundem* status, first year, W. Middleton, (Victoria College), was presented. The names of the matriculants in Law, Medicine, and Arts were then read. The gold and silver medals were then presented as follows: Mr. Idington in law, Messrs. Connor and Vandersmissen in classics, F. E. Seymour in modern languages, Messrs. T. D. Craig and McMillan in metaphysics and ethics, E. F. Snider and R. Harbottle in natural sciences, Messrs. T. J. Robertson, J. S. Wilson, and J. Rutledge in mathematics, and J. McLaughlin in medicine. *Scholarships* were presented to Messrs. Hill, Bell, and Connor; Messrs. Milloy, Patterson, and Galbraith, in mathematics; Messrs. Morgan and J. B. Thompson in natural sciences; Messrs. J. Campbell and F. D. Delamers in metaphysics; Messrs. J. Faulconbridge, J. Campbell, and W. W. Tamblin, in modern languages and history; Messrs. E. G. Patterson, W. H. Mewburn, E. H. Smythe, H. Yale, A. F. Campbell, W. Fitzgerald, and S. Foster. *Prizes* in books were presented to J. Campbell for English prose, W. W. Tamblin for French, W. N. Keefer for agriculture, W. B. McMurrich for the M. A. Thesis. J. McMillan received the Prince of Wales' prize of a silver inkstand. The Chancellor then rose and said that the institution had been gradually progressing within the past year. The University and University College had arrived at that stage that there was every prospect of seeing them resting on a sure foundation. They were institutions which were approved of throughout the country by men of all classes and creeds. During the past year, in all their departments, they had shewn a most satisfactory result. A comparison of the last year with the present had been furnished him by the Registrar, Mr. Moss, and he found that in 1863 the number admitted to degrees was 39. This year the number was 59. The matriculants in 1863 were 106; this year 139. He would now draw attention to the fact, that although it had been determined upon by the authorities to reduce the number of scholarships for the purpose of economy, during the past year, the number of matriculants as well as the number of graduates had increased this year. It should, he thought, be the desire on the part of those attending the University to go through a whole course. That was really their duty, and should be borne in mind by the parents or those who send their children there for instruction. Those who had advanced in years always regarded the advantages which had been afforded to them in youth, and it was incumbent on the students to use all the appliances in their power to take the whole course of study in the University. He thought it was almost unnecessary for him to refer to the great advantage to the youth of the country in having a University education. In conclusion, he took the liberty of saying to the gentlemen present, that he hoped they would never forget their *Alma Mater*, and they would find in their future career that the University had added an importance to their character. Three loud and lusty cheers were then given for the Queen, three for the Chancellor, and three for the ladies. The Chancellor having retired the large audience dispersed.

—UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.—The distribution of prizes for "marks of general proficiency," attained during the past year, as well as for the competitive examinations in the various branches of a Collegiate education, took place on the 10th inst. Mr. Cockburn, Principal of the College, occupied the chair, on the right of whom sat the Lord Bishop of Toronto. Mr. Cockburn, after distributing the prizes proceeded to say that it was to him particularly pleasing to remark every year the increasing interest manifested by the various parents and guardians in the progress of their sons and wards in intellectual development: and the large attendance on that occasion was a fresh proof that that interest continued unabated. He said he observed with peculiar pleasure the increasing interest in the progress of the boys, as the whole system of the College discipline depended to a large extent upon the hearty co-operation of every parent with the various masters; and nothing, he thought, ought to be more pleasing to every right-minded boy than to feel that a lively and intelligent interest was taken in his studies by those to whom by the natural ties of affection he was most deeply attached, and whose good opinion and love he was most anxious to secure and retain; and nothing could be more appropriate on the part of the parent and guardian than to come and witness the result of the various reports which he had received during the year regarding the conduct, the application and the consequent progress of his son. He did not believe that in any school the prizes had been more vigorously, and, at