

pen of one well-known and highly esteemed for his own eminent service on the Home Mission field, Rev. John Higgins, of Ottawa. We feel sure that our readers will look forward to this number with great interest.

THE Intercollegiate debate, which took place on Friday evening, 25th ult., in the chapel of Victoria College, between Messrs. Hazen and Crawford, of that institution, and Messrs. Sycamore and Vichert, of McMaster, with Hon. G. W. Ross, LL.D., in the chair, was a great success. The resolution, "That the House of Lords of Great Britain should be abolished," was affirmed by Victoria and opposed by McMaster in animated and effective speeches. The presence of the Chancellors, most of the Professors and students, and a large number of the friends of both colleges showed that great interest had been awakened, and a first-class debate was expected. The speakers had thoroughly studied many aspects of the question at issue and acquitted themselves in a manner highly creditable to themselves and pleasing to their audience, who frequently showed their appreciation in true college style. The honorable chairman complimented the debaters on the excellence of their speeches, and summed up and weighed the various arguments in a brief but masterly fashion. That the verdict was in favor of the opposition was naturally satisfactory to friends and students of McMaster. The deep interest sustained through all the exercises, the presence of the genial and honored Minister of Education, the beautiful chapel, and the friendliness and interest so manifest in every countenance, all contributed to make the evening an exceedingly pleasant one. As Chancellor Burwash said in closing, we hope it will not be the last of the kind.

ORGANIZATION is one of the watchwords of the age. The world has never been so well organized for work as it is to-day, and never, perhaps, has better work been done than is being done at present. All this organization is good. Without it much energy would go to waste, and much beneficent activity would be lacking in the best results. The one danger of all this is that organization may cease to be a means and become an end in itself; and, if we mistake not, there are signs of such a tendency all around us, and no where, perhaps, more than in the universities of this continent. For a long time there has seemed to be a mania for organizing societies and clubs for every conceivable purpose. Many of these are justifying their existence by the good work they are doing, but there are not a few upon whom writs *quo warranto* should be served at once. In many cases there are unmistakable evidences that a desire to appear before the world as doing important work, is