

THE publication of the last volume of the Carlyle Memoirs with the vast amount of gossip, comment and anecdote to which that event has given rise, recalls a paragraph which appeared in an American paper shortly after the first fruits of Mr. Froude's labor were given to the public. The "skit" in question was not as widely quoted as some others much less deserving, and possibly it will be new to many of our readers. In any event, we are sure they will forgive us for bringing it to their notice:—"A communication from Carlyle in the spirit land to our special medium: 'Tell that wretched creature Froude that had I known he was sic a meeserable hugger-mugger eejit he wad never hae seen any remineesinces o' mine. There are several meelion speerits up here—maistly fules.'"

THE Minister of Education is evidently anxious to distinguish himself in the work of University Reform. He has held two conferences with the heads of Queen's, Toronto, Victoria and Trinity, the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the four Universities being invited to meet him at the education office and discuss the situation. The one official apparently excepted was the Chancellor of Toronto, in whose stead the President of University College was invited. Besides the eight representatives of the Universities, the Principals of three Divinity Halls in Toronto, and the heads of two literary institutes affiliated to Toronto, Woodstock and St. Michael's were requested to be present. Those fourteen gentlemen are to meet again next month, and we are sagely informed that when they have agreed upon a plan it will be given to the public. Being in the prophetic mood, we are inclined to affirm that if the public must wait till such a consummation is reached, the public will be wise not to be in a hurry, If asked to fix a date, we should say the Greek Kal-

ends. Should it be a year earlier, Mr. Ross will certainly be the Archon Eponymas of that memorable year, and meanwhile, if the friends of Queen's are wise, they will go on lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes, without reference to conferences that are trying to square the circle.

THERE are in Ontario eight or nine hundred students in Arts, and between one and two hundred who have finished their Arts course and are now studying Divinity. Let us have one college for the eight hundred and six or seven colleges for the one hundred and odd, exclaim the friends of Toronto University. How easy it must be to teach classics and mathematics; how difficult to teach theology. It is of no consequence how many Freshmen are in a class, but don't put more than from ten to thirty Divinity students under one Professor. We would have thought that a wise man would have recommended an opposite course. Divinity students are usually graduates, and it is as easy to lecture to a hundred as to lecture to ten. Would it not be more in accordance with educational necessities to have four or five well equipped Arts Colleges in Ontario, and at the most two or three Divinity Halls?

WHY is it that in Ontario, the largest, by far the most populous, supposed to be the wealthiest and most intelligent Province in the Dominion, so little is given voluntarily to develop our Universities? One Nova Scotian, Mr. George Munro, has given to Dalhousie College about four hundred thousand dollars, whereas the utmost sum given to any University in Ontario, is thirty thousand dollars given by one donor to Victoria, whereas the contributions to all our Universities put together would not greatly exceed Mr. Munro's benefactions, which we ought to say have been given un-