

this, could be made by the head of an educational institution. Almost every periodical that issues from the press discusses with zest the absorbing themes of religious belief and human destiny. Even the daily newspapers are beginning to give a column a week to such subjects. The views thus promulgated are not always in accord with evangelical truth. In this attrition of mind with mind many old things are passing away; many are being modelled anew. In such an intellectual crisis, a University should exercise a commanding influence. It is one of the nobler functions of a seat of learning to impress itself on current thought; to raise its protest against the spread of erroneous views on topics of such moment. The continuance of these sermons will depend upon the interest shown by the students; we trust they will not fail from lack of support in that quarter.

AT last the Medical College for Women at Kingston is *un fait accompli*. During the summer months lectures were delivered, in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, to lady students. The attendance, as might have been anticipated for the first session, was small, numbering only four; but the work done has, we are informed, been excellent. We hope that the medical Professors will not, as is rumored, be deterred from continuing the experiment by the smallness of the first class.

It will be within the recollection of many that more than one graduating class of Queen's has been smaller than this, and that, too, after the college had been in existence for several years. It is, we know, asking much of the medical Professors, to expect them to assume this additional labor with only a trifling remuneration, at a season when they require the greatest possible relaxation. But it is very desirable that a further trial should be given this experiment.

It is watched with interest by many who are hopeful of its ultimate success. The opinion prevails widely that new avenues for earning a livelihood should be opened up to women. They have been too long restricted to the dire alternative of marriage or a pitiable dependence. Woman's undeniable inferiority to man in physical power, a stock argument of objectors to the new departure, seems to us a forcible reason for throwing down the barriers which exclude her from avocations requiring the exercise of mind rather than muscle, of patient endurance rather than great strength.

Owing to the social disabilities under which woman at present labors, much intellectual power lies dormant and is lost to the community. If the range of her employments were extended, and she were enabled to bring carefully trained and cultured faculties to bear upon the problems, social and scientific, which require solution, we are assured that the progress of mankind, in those directions, would be accelerated. It is with pleasure that we note this attempt by the Royal College to rectify the errors of a conventional past; and we trust that success may attend its efforts. Reactionary grumblers may rest assured, that the touchstone of public competition will soon reveal woman's alleged inaptitude for the practice of medicine.

WE regret that, in our last issue, by some accidental oversight, a whole line was omitted from one of the poems read by the Principal at the close of the dedication service in Convocation Hall on Oct. 17th. As he then stated, the authorship, as well as the merits of the poem, entitled it to a place in the proceedings of the day. It was written by the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Machar, Second Principal of Queen's; a man whose varied, faithful, self-denying and gratuitous services as Trustee, Profes-