

petitors. He commenced practice in Toronto in 1874, and for a time his prospects were very bright. He soon obtained important positions in the Toronto School of Medicine and the Toronto General Hospital. Failing health, however, compelled him to relinquish these, and interfered materially with his success in practice. He was the second son of Mr. Zimmerman, the great banker and railway king, who was killed at the Desjardins canal accident in 1857. He was the last surviving male member of the Zimmerman family, and leaves a young widow to mourn with his many friends his sad death.

#### GENERAL COLLEGE NOTES.

Dr. Marvin R. Vincent has been installed in the chair of Sacred Literature, in the Union Theological Seminary.

The bequest of Mr. William Hilton of \$50,000 to Phillips Academy, Andover, was for the benefit of the theological seminary.

Professor Laughlin, of Harvard, the editor of Mill's "Political Economy," on this side of the water, is going to start for the Bahamas, where he will stay until next March, when he will go into business in New York city.

It is stated that Prof. Harrison E. Webster, of Rochester University, has been elected to and accepted the presidency of Union College, Schenectady, and that announcement of the fact will be made the last of this month.

The height of absurdity in the honorary-degree-conferring craze has been reached in the case of U. S. Secretary of State Bayard. The degree of LL.D. has been conferred on him successively by Yale, Harvard, and Dartmouth!

Dr. W. H. Ryder, pastor of the Congregational church, has been called to the Associate Professorship of Sacred Literature in the Andover Theological Seminary. Dr. Ryder is as yet undecided whether he will accept the position.

David Masson, professor of rhetoric and English literature in the University of Edinburgh, delivered a lecture in that city recently, in the course of which he characterized Ignatius Donnelly's Shakespearian cryptogram as miserable drivel and a tissue of arithmetic puzzles which would be hissed at in Bedlam.

In answer to the question, "Why has Harvard so poor a reputation in the country at large," President Eliot said that, in his opinion, it was largely owing to religious grounds. Forty years ago Harvard was a sectarian college belonging to the Unitarians, who were then greatly disliked by other denominations. Although Harvard is no longer sectarian, religious hatred still makes men ready to believe anything bad which may be said of it, while they refuse to credit any representations to the contrary. Then, too, we have more rich men's sons here than any other college possesses, and rich men's sons are, as a rule, wild and extravagant, and by their actions tend to bring the whole college into disrepute. The chief reason, however, for our "bad eminence" is the readiness which the newspapers show to discredit all colleges, and Harvard, as the largest, gets the greatest share. There is a natural hostility between college-bred men and those who are "self-made," to which class belong the majority of journalists, and this enmity expends itself in spreading false rumours and injurious statements. The only thing that we can do is to live down this bad reputation by conducting ourselves properly as students and as graduates, and by spreading a knowledge of the true state of things whenever there is a chance. This way is already being taken, and we may be confident that we shall yet succeed completely.

#### Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

The eighteenth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, was held in the new building on Yonge Street, last week. Among others were present a number of students representing the different colleges. A reception was tendered to these by the University College Y. M. C. A., in which to welcome them and give them an opportunity of viewing the fine building we have. Our president addressed words of welcome, after which the president of our college spoke on "The necessity of young men living a pure, upright, and honest life." Short addresses were then given by one from each of the colleges. Mr. Oland, of the International Committee, spoke a few words to the students. In the evening, all were welcomed by Hon. John Macdonald in the gymnasium of the Yonge Street building, the large hall being taken up, and the other hall being too small. On Friday, a number of papers were read that were inter-

esting to the college men, one by John Macdougall, B.A., of McGill College, on "The relation of Y. M. C. A. to College Life," which showed the importance of Y. M. C. A. men being thoroughly college men, and able to take part in all active duties of college life. Dr. Kellogg gave a missionary Bible reading on "Signs of the Times," one of the courses being given in University College Y. M. C. A., showing the great openings for doing missionary work, and spoke of the awakening among the Jews as foreshadowing their return to the land of Palestine.

Saturday, a paper was read by T. B. Scott, of Queen's College, on "Extension of College Y. M. C. A. work," showing how we may help in the foreign work by correspondence, and by supporting secretaries for the work in other lands, and spoke of the advantages derived from correspondence with one another. In the discussion on this letter, it was suggested that a monthly letter be started to go the round of the Colleges, and in this only one branch of work be dealt with.

On Sunday, the day was begun by consecration, and all present felt the benefit that comes from such a meeting. There were several regular and evangelistic meetings held during the day, and in the evening, at 8.30, the delegates met for the last time, Mr. Hall of New York, presiding. In addressing them he gave two questions: What is the duty of the Y.M.C.A.? The duty of the Y. M. C. A. is work for young men by young men. What relation does the Y. M. C. A. bear to the churches? That of auxiliary.

Then a large number of the delegates spoke on what had impressed them most during the convention, and at the close all joined hands and sang "Blessed be the tie that binds," each one feeling how close that tie was which would ever bind them together as worker for one Master.

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