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LONGFELLOW, DARWIN, AND
EMERSON.

THE world is never prepared to lose its great men. The blotting out by death of illustrious names is always a shock to it. Since our last issue the Reaper has lain low, first Longfellow, then Darwin, and now Emerson. Their lights have gone out, and literature mourns. However variedly their work may be estimated, each leaves a vacant place in the field where he has laboured. Longfellow's death, to the masses, will most deeply be felt, and Song's requiem will find an echo in many a heart, in that he has gone. Darwin, to those who can sift his own great work, modestly and reverently advanced, from that which his followers have unwisely based upon it, will also be missed; while what was good and true in Emerson will excite regret that he is now no more. The work of each is done, the good and evil sifted, and they have now the reward appointed to them. Here is the lesson:—

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY CONVO-
CATION.

THE proceedings at the close of the session of Queen's University, Kingston, have this year been of more than usual interest. Indeed, Convocation at Queen's is each year becoming of more and more importance, as the University, under its able and enthusiastic Principal, grows up to more active and lusty life. We congratulate the Faculty, the Trustees, and Members of Council on the results of the year's labours, and on the bright future which lies before this vigorous institution in its great academic work. We note with special satisfaction the singularly happy choice of the men upon whom, at this Convocation, it has conferred its honorary degrees. The degree of "D.D." has been bestowed upon the Rev. J. P. Sheraton,

Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School, Toronto, and that of "LL.D." on Prof. George Paxton Young, of Toronto University. Both gentlemen are worthy of the compliment paid them by the Senate of Queen's, and they honour the University in accepting the compliment. Principal Sheraton's work in connection with the Episcopal Divinity School and its organ, the *Evangelical Churchman*, is widely known and highly appreciated. He is one of Canada's most active and earnest labourers in the cause of evangelical truth, an able writer, an accomplished scholar, and a liberal-minded, Christian gentleman. Professor Young needs no word of ours to endorse his honours. To our readers his worth and work are known and valued, and education has no abler or warmer friend. As a teacher and thinker his place is in the first rank of Canadian scholars, and no man in Toronto University has exercised a higher or more beneficent influence than he. His services on the Advisory Board of Education have been simply incalculable, and education in Ontario has had an impulse from his work which it has been given to few men to exercise. We heartily congratulate Doctors Young and Sheraton on their well-deserved honours.

SKEAT'S ETYMOLOGICAL DIC-
TIONARY.

THE teaching profession of Canada will, we are sure, be glad to learn that the proprietors of THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY have arranged with the eminent English publishers, Messrs. Macmillan & Co., to have a cheap complete edition of the Rev. Professor Skeat's great Etymological Dictionary, the final instalment of which is just about to appear from the Clarendon Press. The author, as most of our readers will know, is Professor of Anglo-Saxon in the University of Cambridge, England, and is one of the first of living English scholars. His labours on this etymological lexicon of the language, arranged on an historical basis, have won for his work the highest place in English lexicographic literature; and we have no doubt that the enterprise which places a popular Canadian edition of this great work within the reach of every teacher will be appreciated, and the book itself largely subscribed for. The work will comprise some 700 pages, small quarto, and will be offered in cloth binding at \$3—one-fourth of the price of the English edition. Subscriptions may be sent to the office of THE MONTHLY during May, at the expiry of which the work will be ready.