

"ONE on earth in silence wrought,  
And his grave in silence sought;  
But the younger, brighter form,  
Passed in battle and in storm."

Did Mr. Longfellow mean that the older, duller form (the sixth according to a fifth form boy) was plucked in the two subjects he enumerates?

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"THE passing mark," says an exchange, "has been raised from 33½ to 40 at Harvard." It has occurred to me that a very good problem in variations might be made in finding the absolute strictness of any examination. First of all, the percentages vary as the number of colleges, then the nature of the paper varies as the temperament of the particular examiner, and finally the number of those who are plucked varies like the deuce.

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THE editor of a College paper gravely chronicles that the representative of a certain clothing house, to wit, a readymade clothing agent, called at the College "and made a very favorable impression among students and professors." It is not so asserted, but the editor might have no doubt gone on and said, "He kindly placed at our disposal two vests, a coat, three white shirts, and a pair of suspenders." Confess, Mr. Editor, how the spoil was divided. Who got the coat? To whom were the suspenders allotted? We deem it proper to state here that the college in question was not Victoria College, nor any other in Canada.

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THREE kindred spirits from the College were seen wandering up Yonge Street about midnight of Saturday in a peculiar manner. From the direction they were seen to take, it was surmised that the residence was represented. "Macbeth" seemed to be their topic; for one was heard mumbling about "midnight hags," and another saying, "When shall we three meet again?"

UNIVERSITY NEWS. A committee of prominent Montreal citizens has been formed to work and confer with the governors of McGill University, for the purpose of raising a fund of at least \$150,000, necessary to place the institution on a prosperous basis.

SOPHOKLES' *Edipus Tyrannus* has been taken in hand by a theatrical manager, as a natural consequence of the public attention drawn to it by the Harvard students' performance last winter. George Riddle will play *Edipus* in Greek, and the rest will be given in English by professional actors. A number of seats will be removed from the orchestra, and in this open space the thymele, or altar, will be erected, surrounded by a wall.

COLUMBIA is the richest college in the United States, with an annual income of \$315,000. Next comes Harvard, with \$231,000; then John Hopkins, with \$180,000. Yale has \$136,000; the University of California, \$105,000; and Cornell, \$100,000.

THE average expense for each member of the graduating class at Yale is \$3,825 for the whole course, or \$956.25 each year.

DR. FREEMAN, the well-known historian, is engaged to deliver ten lectures at Cornell during the winter.

THE students of an Indiana college have hit upon a new method of passing disputed questions over the faculty's veto. Being forbidden to organize a chapter of a certain society, they have appealed to the courts. The suit is now pending.

ENGLAND has at last given up the effort to pronounce Latin after the "Continental" method.

DR. MCCOSH says, that out of four hundred students under him in philosophy who have graduated at Princeton, only four graduated sceptics.

A LATIN play is talked of at Harvard for this year, and it is also proposed to repeat the *Edipus*.

THE publication of Kant's *Kritik*, the greatest event in the history of Philosophy since the days of DesCartes and Bacon, took place in the year 1781. The centennial of the event was celebrated by the metaphysicians of the United States at Saratoga and at Concord.

At a meeting of the Senate, held on August the 2nd of this year, the following letter was read by the Registrar:

TORONTO, Aug. 2, 1881.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in enclosing my cheque for \$2,000, with which to enable the Senate to found a scholarship in the University of Toronto, to be awarded in the Faculty of Arts on such terms and conditions as the senate may determine. Without intending to direct the application of the proposed scholarship, I take the liberty

of suggesting whether it can be advantageously awarded in the department of Greek and Latin classics, and either in addition to or in lieu of any existing scholarships in that department. I am yours very truly,  
MARY MULOCK.

ALFRED BAKER, M.A.,

Registrar of the University.

The present comes from the mother of the Vice-Chancellor, and is a handsome gift.

COLLEGE NEWS.—The annual convocation of University College took place last Friday afternoon. The hall, as usual, was crowded to the door. President Wilson occupied the chair, and after presenting the prizes, said that in 1856, when University College first entered upon its independent career, there were but twelve matriculants among the first undergraduates. In 1881 they had received upwards of eighty undergraduates, and at this year's examination a larger number had been rejected as not coming up to the standard than had been admitted in the early period he had referred to. It was a fact not to be regretted that the standard of the examinations had been raised of late years. At the last University matriculation examination, of 187 successful competitors, 21 were ladies. It was enacted by the statute that women should be placed on a perfect equality with men in competing for the honors of the University. From the evidence of intellectual capacity the ladies had already exhibited, he believed the day was not far distant when they would rejoice in seeing ladies admitted to the rank of graduates of the University. This raised an important question in relation to the college. There were those who believed that the halls of the college should be thrown open to lady students. He had received a deputation of young men who had assured him that lady students would receive nothing but courtesy from them. He might say that he had taken an active part in promoting the higher education of women in the college, and the cause had his sympathy. He hoped the Government would be induced to erect a fitting building for a ladies' college, and he and his colleagues would be happy to take part in furnishing the education for it. The following is the prize list:

*Classics*.—4th year, W. S. Milner; 3rd year, D. McGillivray; 2nd year, H. K. Fairclough; 1st year, T. C. Boville.

*Logic*.—2nd year, W. Farquharson.

*Chemistry*.—4th year, R. F. Ruttan; 3rd year, A. Y. Scott; 1st year, W. I. Bradley.

*Mathematics*.—3rd year, J. M. Clark; 2nd year, T. G. Campbell; 1st year, T. G. Mulvey.

*English*.—4th year, W. Laidlaw; 3rd year, H. J. Wright; 2nd year, J. Squair; 1st year, W. P. MacKenzie.

*History*.—3rd year, H. J. Wright; 2nd year, J. Squair.

*Mineralogy and Geology*.—4th year, R. F. Ruttan; 3rd year, G. A. Smith; 2nd year, D. O. Cameron.

*Natural History*.—4th year, G. H. Carveth; 3rd year, G. A. Smith; 1st and 2nd years, D. O. Cameron.

*Metaphysics and Ethics*.—3rd year, W. F. W. Creelman; 2nd year, A. S. Johnson.

*Oriental Literature*.—4th year, J. J. Baker; 3rd year, J. Hamilton; 2nd year, E. Daniel; 1st year, G. E. Freeman.

*French, German, and Italian*.—3rd year, E. F. Gunther.

*French and German*.—2nd year, J. Squair.

*French*.—1st year, W. H. Smith.

*German*.—1st year, W. H. Smith.

*French Prose*.—J. Squair.

*German Prose*.—O. L. Schmidt.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES.

*Speakers*.—1. W. G. Hanna; 2. W. Laidlaw.

*Readers*.—1. R. Haddow; 2. A. F. Lobb.

*Essayists*.—1. J. H. Brown; 2. W. F. W. Creelman.

*Macdonald Bursary, 1881*.—J. C. Robertson.

THE students of Trinity Medical School held a meeting last Friday for the purpose of electing a committee to arrange for their annual dinner. The selected representatives for the fourth year were Messrs. Canfield, Milroy and Wilson; for the third year, Messrs. Krauss, Strathy and Beet; for the second year, Messrs. Stewart, Scott and Casgrain; and for the first year, Messrs. Trow, Airth and Wilson. The leading officers will be elected next week.

IN 1854, the first year of the separate existence of University College and the University of Toronto, there were but ten matriculants admitted to the College. This year upwards of 80 have entered, and there are more yet to register.