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### EPITAPH.

FOR THE REV. DR. BUCKLAND, THE OXFORD GEOLOGIST.

Monks' monuments, mourn o'er his funeral urn,  
When ye must grace no more;  
Gentle be and Slate! be settled your date,  
And his name must now deplore.

Weep caverns, weep! with inferring drip,  
Your recesses he'll cease to explore;  
For mineral veins and organic remains  
No stratum again will be bore.

Oh! his wit shone like crystal! his knowledge profound,  
From Gravel to Granite descended;  
No trap could deceive him, no slip could confound,  
Nor specimen true or pretended.  
He knew the birth-rock of each pebble so round,  
And how far its tour had extended.

Where shall we our great Professor inter,  
That in peace may rest his bones?  
If we hew him a rocky sepulchre  
He'll rise and break the stones,  
And examine each stratum that lies around,  
For he's quite in his element under ground.

If with mattock and spade his body we lay  
In the common alluvial soil,  
He'll start up and snatch those tools away  
Of his own geological toil.  
In a stratum so young the Professor disdains  
That embedded should be his organic remains.

Then exposed to the drip of some case-hardning spring  
His carcass let Stracitto cover,  
And to Oxford the petrified Sage let us bring  
When he is encrusted all over!  
There 'mid the Mammoths and Croc adites high on a shaft  
Let him stand as a monument raised to himself.

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### UNIVERSITY CONSOLIDATION.

The interest in this question does not abate; recent events point in its favor. Among these may be mentioned the adoption of the matriculation examination of the University of Toronto by Victoria university. True this has been dictated by self-interest rather than a desire to further the idea of consolidation. The Cobourg people noticed that at the high schools the majority of pupils were preparing for our matriculation, and that, consequently, the masters were giving more attention to it than to that of the other universities. Accordingly in their own interest they made their entrance examination to correspond with the one that prevails here. A high school master writing to the *Globe* recently urges the other universities to follow the example. Adopting the same subjects of examination, then, may be considered as one step toward consolidation. A next and more important step is to send all candidates to the same examiners. If the subjects are the same, why not at least matriculate before the same examiners? Some arrangement might be made whereby the examination for matriculation could be held at several points besides Toronto, say, for instance, at Ottawa, Kingston, Cobourg, Hamilton and London. A uniformity in matriculation is the first step toward consolidation. Let the other universities adopt the matriculation of Toronto as a matter of self-interest and they may then see their way clear to still further advances. It is by some gradual change such as this rather than by any sweeping measure that will do away with the present state of affairs. The denominational institutions must be brought to see that it is to their interest to come in.

Another noteworthy event is an article in the *Rouge et Noir* (Trinity College) on 'a national university.' The writer admits that such a thing is desirable, that six corporations in Ontario empowered to grant degrees is an unsatisfactory and confusing state of affairs, and that relief is to be sought in affiliation. He would have a central-board (the university) elected by the colleges conjointly to examine all candidates and grant degrees

J. J.

Two of Longfellow's daughters are pursuing the Harvard course of study for women.