

that the Jesuits will ever do such a thing manifest strong faith in the moral advancement of all kinds and conditions of men? *Eu mores ! Euge tempora !*

The gravamen in this whole Jesuits' Estates business is that public funds, in any way belonging to Canada, are placed at the disposal and under the supervision of other than Canadian authorities. This should not be, and would not had patriotism rather than party been the teaching and practice of Canadians in the past. A prominent Canadian is reported as telling the British people that, as regards annexation to the United States, "Canada is not for sale." One is provoked to explain in the face of what is transpiring that the reason why Canada is not on the market is because she is sold.

Open Letters.

LECTURES IN KNOX COLLEGE.

AT a recent meeting of the Alumni Association, one of the arguments brought forward in favor of an extension of the college course was that the present system with its three short sessions necessitates too many lectures daily. Said a gallant alumnus "I make bold, sir, to say that under the present system we are killed with lectures." If this statement is to be taken literally, the matter is a serious one. When the supply of candidates for the ministry so far exceeds the demand, as it now does in Scotland, it may be necessary to adopt the deadly lecture as a means of removing the surplus. But as affairs yet stand in Canada, no such necessity arises.

Even if the remark quoted is to be understood as somewhat figurative, it merits sober attention, if it be true. Is it true that Lectures in Knox College are so numerous as to be oppressive and a hindrance to good work? Student opinion in my own college days and the many murmurs that come to my ears since answer, Yes. The complaint is that four hours steady work, much of the time bending over a table, writing rapidly from dictation, and generally in a class-room well filled and imperfectly ventilated, is so exhausting as to make the last lecture poorly appreciated and to leave little energy for further study during the day.

It is also claimed by some that the hours of the forenoon, the golden hours of the day for good mental work, are largely wasted when they are