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Editorials.

A FEW years ago the name "Sam Jones" did not bring up to our minds any more than just the thought of a revivalist from Georgia, whose funny sayings the newspapers sometimes quoted. Until he came to Toronto last October, few of us knew any more about him than this; but then his fame became widespread throughout this part of the country, and when we heard he was coming to lecture in Hamilton, we were extremely desirous of hearing him. Our wish was more than gratified, as on the afternoon of Feb. 21st he gave us a very interesting address in the parlor of the college.

We cannot say that his appearance is imposing, and his voice is certainly neither powerful nor winning, yet there is something in his manner which is so earnest and outspoken, that one cannot help feeling interested and convinced that what he says is the truth. Some things he said seemed to strike home very forcibly. He urged us to remember for what purpose we were here, and said that we should improve every opportunity to enlarge our scope of knowledge;

but above learned women he placed a virtuous woman, and exhorted us to prepare ourselves to be noble Christians, so that our influence will always be for the cause of right.

We were all delighted that Dr. Burns permitted us to attend his lectures on "The Battle of Life and how to win it," in the evening, in Wesley Church, although on the whole, we did not enjoy it as much as his talk in the afternoon.

IN another column will be found a letter which we received from an alumna, in regard to the adoption of the gown by the graduating classes of this college. We were pleased to receive it, and as it expresses nearly all we would like to say on the matter, we will only add a few words. We may remark that some Ladies' Colleges in the United States had adopted the gown before we did, and one or two have done so since. We learned the latter fact from our American exchanges, of which we receive not a few, and we have not noticed any complaint about it in any of them, but quite the contrary; and our friends across the border are generally ahead of us in everything. They were ahead of us in its adoption, and it is a wonder that some one even more imbued with the spirit of conservatism than Spartacus has not appeared before now among them, censuring its adoption and consequent degradation, by such institutions. But again we are afraid the Americans possess a more liberal spirit and broader views concerning several matters than the Canadians. We do not wish or mean to be unpatriotic, because, of course, we excel in many things. Canada is a great country, but still we do admire our Yankee cousins in some respects.

ON the evening of Friday, April 1st, a number of invited friends—more than could be accommodated on the platform—came to see the Calisthenic Review. For some time