

mighty works of our Creator. Our rewards shall be according to the way in which our part in life is taken, not according to the position itself.

It is now not only the privilege, but the bounden duty, of the young men of our country to show the sage old demagogues of philosophical thought, who thus speak, by actions as well as words, that such utterances are unfounded and such ideas false. The rising generation has in its ranks men with as brave spirits, and women with as large hearts, as any of their long line of valiant fore fathers. They are the noble sons of a noble ancestry. Woman in her various relations to man exerts untold influence over his mind and character, and surely those of our day cannot be at all inferior in imparting that sympathy and encouragement so necessary to the sterner sex. Of them one has well said that, "Those disasters which break down the spirit of man and prostrate him in the dust, seem to call forth all the energies of the softer sex, and lend such elevation and intrepidity to their character that at times it approaches sublimity."

Those who, regardless of deep and philosophic thought, or historic traditions, view the present generation in the broad light of day, believe them not degenerate, for they often learn to know the true brave hearts that beat beneath unpromising exteriors, hearts as willing as hands are ready to do and dare aught for their country's safety, and they are forced to believe that they will do honor and credit to their worthy ancestors.

BOOK REVIEWS.

WE take the following concerning one of Prof. Watson's works from the Xmas number of the *Nassau Literary Magazine*, Princeton:

"Schelling's Transcendental Idealism. Grigg's Philosophical Classics. By John Watson, LL.D. (Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co., Publishers.)"

Dr. Watson recognizes three phases of Schelling's philosophical faith; first, the period in which he refused to admit the reality of any Supreme Being other than the moral order of the world; secondly, the stage at which man and nature are regarded as two coordinate manifestations of a single activity that is revealed in each with equal fulness and perfection; and, lastly, the crowning stage, in which an attempt is made to prove the personality of God, while preserving the freedom and the moral responsibility of man maintained in the earlier stages. As each fresh stage of his advance was signalized by a new treatise, it is obvious that we have the material for an intensely interesting study of the gradual development of a great philosophical system. This critical exposition of Dr. Watson presents all the important ideas of Schelling in a clear, condensed manner, and at the same time shows their relations, limitations and value.

"A history of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, St. Gabriel Street, Montreal," by the Rev. Robert Campbell, M.A., of 1858.

We have seen advance sheets of this work, and find that its interest extends far beyond the local and congregational. Old St. Gabriel's is identified with much that makes the history of Montreal rich and peculiar, such as the fortunes of the gallant Highlanders who founded the North-West company, the early American settlers, the kindly relations between the Récollet fathers and the heretic Presbyterians, and episodes of Social, Industrial and Church life interesting to every one who cares to trace Canadian development. A congregation that had at different epochs such members as the heroic Earl of Selkirk, the founder of McGill College, and our greatest geologist—Sir William Logan, and others like the Youngs, Allens, Redpaths, most intimately associated with the industrial and commercial life of the whole country, deserves to have its centennial celebrated and its history recorded. The controversies regarding the Clergy Reserves, the Temporalities Fund, the Union of the Presbyterian Churches are also woven skilfully into the volume. Mr. Campbell is a born historiographer, and he brings to the execution of this task a zeal that shrinks from no labor necessary to verify facts and an enthusiasm that can hardly be suppressed even when he treats of details necessarily somewhat uninteresting to outsiders. The volume can be ordered from W. Drysdale & Co., 232 St. James street, Montreal.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE following letter was received by one of our students, who was appealing for help for our Missionary Scheme. It speaks for itself. It suggests what has resulted from the good example set by one of our graduates, and we hope it will appeal strongly to the rest:

DEAR MR. S—,

HERE IS MY MONEY 66 CENTS, AND GRACE'S 48 CENTS, AND BABY'S 53 CENTS, TO SEND MR. SMITH TO CHINA.

ISABEL MORDY.

MEDICAL.

A REQUEST.

THE students of the Royal College are preparing a petition to present to the Faculty requesting that a receptacle, wherein subjects for dissection may be preserved, be placed in the dissecting room. The request is a perfectly legitimate and most timely one. The want of material is often severely felt by the students, as work cannot be prepared in a satisfactory manner without practical study. The cost of furnishing the receptacle would be small indeed as compared with what it now