

particularly by promoting the taking of the degree in Arts by students intending to enter the other Faculties, an arrangement which would be very useful here.

It would occupy too much space to attempt even a summary of the vast number of inducements to study, offered in the way of Scholarships and Fellowships in the two ancient Universities of England. To give any idea of their number, of their conditions and adaptations to different descriptions of students, of their history and utility, and of the great men who have been cherished and aided in the opening of their career in life by their means, would afford material for volumes. The following curious estimate, however, of what has been called the stimulating force of these older Universities, may be given on the authority of Mr. Bennet, the President of Queen's College, Galway. He estimates this, for the Queen's Colleges, at what he regards as the exceptionally low rate of £6 sterling per head of the students; for Dublin, at £28 14s.; for Cambridge, at £66; and for Oxford, at £106 12s. Assuming this to be an approximation to the truth, it affords a vivid idea of the great prizes which, even within the walls of the University, it is thought desirable to offer as stimuli to industry and talent; and for the purpose of bringing out into its full development the best ability of the nation. The aggregate sum annually given in this way at Oxford in minor aids to students, has been estimated at £80,000. The stimulus thus given, is found also to act, not merely on those who strive for these aids, but necessarily also on those who strive for distinction alone, but who must in order to earn this, keep up with the winners of Scholarships and Fellowships. Nor are these struggles without their effects in after life. Five members of the late Administration in England, are said to have been First-class University men. The present Ministry could probably boast of nearly as many, and everywhere we find in the first ranks of British political, literary and scientific exertion, those who have carried off the prizes of the University career, and who in many cases have been enabled, by the aid of these prizes, to take their first steps in public life. The public career of our late Governor-General Sir Edmund Head, commenced with his election to a Fellowship in Merton College, Oxford.

When comparisons are made between Universities in Canada