

his greatest work. In reviewing his life, the great Andrew Lang says : "The master of Balliol is gone : we shall never see such another. He is mourned by more friends, perhaps, of ranks and ages more various than any other man of his day. From the Laureate and Mr. Browning to the youngest freshman, or to the children of his old or younger pupils, all who really knew him loved him."

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Now that the dead-lock in the American Senate is broken and a bill has been passed unconditionally repealing the Silver Bill, it remains to be seen whether or not the benefit will accrue from the recent legislation that its supporters expect. That an unwise law has been removed from the statute books of the United States there are few to deny, and already it seems that the effects of its repeal have been felt, in restoring some of the lost confidence in commercial and financial circles ; but it is yet to be proved that the Sherman Bill was the sole cause of the recent depression. In the struggle for the repeal of the Silver Bill we feel that our neighbors are to be congratulated on having at their head a man who would accept no compromise at the hands of his legislators. But while we are willing to admit that President Cleveland used his power to the benefit of his country, does it not seem to Canadians that a little too much power is vested in the office of president ; and that the germs of autocracy are deeply rooted in the constitution of that country, which has so long been fond of claiming to be the sole champion of national liberty. If it is true, as many contend, that the threats of the Cleveland party to do away with a protective tariff did much to cause the lack of confidence in financial circles, does it not seem probable that the same iron will, which, in the repeal of the Silver Bill has apparently benefited the country, if applied to the tariff reforms will involve it in still greater financial difficulty. Without usurping the position of judge of these affairs, or laying any claim to the gift of prophecy, we give it as our opinion merely, that there are still other matters for the American legislators to deal with before the financial system of the country is established on a firm basis.

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WE have every reason to be well satisfied with the appointment of Lord Aberdeen to the position of Governor-General of Canada. A more popular man among Canadians could not be found, and a man of more ability and experience we don't think was available. Some in this country may consider his expenditure a little lavish, but if Lord