

cram, sham, pretentious programmes of study, and popular fallacies on the whole subject, have forced him first to speak, and then to write, in terms of indignant and almost despairing protest. He cries out for education rather than for instruction; for thorough knowledge of a few things rather than a smattering acquaintance with many, or the substitution of *multum* for *multa*; for the studies that will train the mind rather than for those that can be converted into immediate cash value. And he is right, indubitably right, though he is almost as the voice of one crying in the wilderness.

How many different subjects of study should a man take up in the same session at College? Two or three at the most, if he wishes to do anything more than "pass." The more anxious he is to become educated, and to know enough about at least one subject to entitle him to speak with confidence on it, the more will he restrict his range of studies. But how is it possible for him so to concentrate himself, when at Universities on each side of us he is obliged to carry on the study of six or seven subjects simultaneously? Queen's has struck out boldly in the cause of much needed reform by its system of options suited to almost every variety of taste and gifts, by its limitation of the number of subjects required for a degree, by increase of the per centage required in order to pass, and by the encouragement given to students to read for honours. Reform might still be made in the same directions. If, for instance, the number of books at present required for matriculation were reduced by one-half, and the per centage increased from twenty-five to fifty per cent. the standard would be elevated, though doubtless a cry would go abroad that it was being degraded.

Let us hear from Mr. May—"I want small farms deeply ploughed, few acres vigorously tilled. I want to see in the schools few subjects, thoroughly discussed, short hours strenuously occupied. For all children, the three R's thoroughly mastered; for the majority little else; for our High Schools and Universities, limited ranges, and no "cram." But reform must begin at the top. The gangrene is in the University. So long as College vies with College, not in developing mind so much as in developing voluminous calendars, so long will "cram" flourish, above, below, and all around. This grabbing at universal accomplishment seems to grow with the world's age; and in proportion to its growth, is its subversion of education. If we would develop the best minds in the best way, give us less of your cast-iron uniformity, and a free scope for *options*." More follows to the same effect. Evidently Mr. May thinks for himself and thinks to some purpose. Let him give us a volume, for it would take a volume to develop the thoughts stated in his essays.

### PERSONAL.

THE Secretary of the JOURNAL has received a communication from Rev. T. Fenwick, of Petit Metis, saying that he is at work on an oil painting, which he intends presenting to Queen's. It is a portrait taken from a plain engraving of the Marquis of Argyle, who suffered death on May 27, 1667. Mr. Fenwick is in hopes of completing it by next Fall. We wish the Rev. gentleman every success in his prediction, and we are sure the authorities will hold themselves in readiness to be the recipients of his work of art.

We have at least one veteran reader of the JOURNAL, Mr. Thomas Masson, of Ottawa. Mr. Masson for many years was a resident of Kingston, and an elder of St. Andrew's Church, has been the friend and supporter of the College since its inception, and now in 89th year, de-

sires to show his undiminished interest in Queen's by continuing on the subscription list of our JOURNAL. We wish the old gentleman joy in his latter days with the continued possession of his talents undimmed.

J. K. OLIVER, M.D., '68, of Kingston, takes his name off the list of our living graduates. Dr. Oliver was prominent in civic and school affairs, and was surgeon of the 14th Battalion, besides being a prominent Mason. His funeral under military and masonic auspices was one of the most imposing that has ever taken place in Kingston.

JOHN G. GILES, M.D., '60, ex-M.P.P., for South Leeds, has removed from Farmersville to Gananogue.

DR. R. W. B. Smith, of Class of '79, has been made a Coroner of the County of Elgin.

R. H. ABBOTT, M.D., '79, has just taken one of Kingston's fairest daughters to share a doctor's lot. Dr. Abbott has been appointed a coroner of the County of Essex.

REV. J. Francis Fraser, B.A., '79, of Metcalfe, in the Diocese of Ontario, has also been married. So has the Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A., '80, of Summerstown. Mrs. Patterson was also a Kingston lady.

FINLAY M. MacLennan is roving about in the prairie Province for the benefit of his health, and which we are glad to hear from him is much improved.

PRINCIPAL GRANT IN OTTAWA.—The Rev. Principal Grant arrived in Ottawa on Friday evening and became the guest of Mr. Sandford Fleming, C.D., Chancellor of Queen's University. On Saturday morning he paid a visit to the Ottawa Ladies' College, and in the afternoon was the guest of His Excellency the Governor-General at Rideau Hall. On Sunday morning he preached to a large congregation in St. Andrew's Church, which included His Excellency, his brother and sister, and Senators and members of the House of Commons, whom Dr. Grant had previously known. In the afternoon he conducted the Rev. Dr. Kemp's Bible Class at the Ladies' College, and in the evening preached again to a large congregation. He returned to the city on Monday afternoon.—*Daily News*.

### DE NOBIS NOBILIBUS.

PROFESSOR, "Gentlemen, I find that a great many of you don't study as you ought. Now Chemistry is not an easy subject, and—  
Class, with one voice, "hear, hear."

Two Sophomores went into the Senate Room the other day to get information regarding an examination at which both had been "plucked." Soph. No. 1 volunteered to act as spokesman. "You know, Professor, we both got skinned at the final in Math—." Violent explosion of Soph. No. 2. Prof. recovers his gravity and shows them out.

RECITATION in Political Economy. Mr. G., "The tendency is to use only the cheapest possible food." Prof., "Perhaps you are generalizing from the University Boarding Houses Mr. G."

THERE is a rumor current that a Junior has lost his reason. He was not able to return to college until after Christmas, and when he successively "took in" the various changes introduced since last session he received a series of shocks so violent that he is beyond all hope. The new buildings he was delighted with; he even managed to retain his equanimity in the presence of the "Co-Educationists," but when he heard that a freshie had been appointed Deputy-Janitor and Curator of the Reading Room he succumbed.