

telling about Radium. And Radium is certainly an interesting substance, since the study of it and other similar elements seems destined to lead scientists to reconstruct their atomic theories.

It would seem to an ordinary person that the atom was small enough to satisfy any scientist, when it is considered that in one ounce of hydrogen there are eleven million million million million atoms, or particles, or a number expressed by eleven followed by twenty-four ciphers. Yet the scientist is not satisfied with what he has achieved, but always seeks to learn more about the infinitely large and the infinitely small in the universe. Accordingly we now learn that a single hydrogen atom is not indivisible, but is made up of several hundred smaller particles, to which the name of "electrons" has been applied. We thus see that finality is never reached in any science.

Our heartiest thanks are due Prof. Cox for his kindness, and we hope that he will not forget his promise to, on some future date, give us an exhibition of the properties of liquid air.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The conduct of the students during the Installation ceremonies was the topic of much favourable comment among the guests of Queen's. On all sides, their behaviour has been characterized as the happiest combination of enthusiasm and decorum ever witnessed in a large body of students. Of course the students interrupted the speakers, but as an old beloved graduate Dr. Wardrope, remarked, "When they did interrupt, their interruptions were very appropriate."

The statement made by the Principal, that the educated criminal is the most dangerous foe to society was the occasion for a brilliant "aside" from one of the boys in the "gods." We hope Dr. Wardrope does not include this in his list of appropriate interruptions.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" at the mention of Principal Grant's name by the Chancellor was an incident which evoked the heartiest approval. We have not yet forgotten Geordie who "ruled the boys."

That our Roman Catholic friends thoroughly appreciate and sympathize with the work done here in Queen's is clearly shown in an editorial in a recent number of the "*Freeman*." The writer, after praising highly the liberal spirit of the University, expresses the hope that the Presbyterian Church will still continue the connection between itself and Queen's. This is an exhibition of the universal spirit which is the life of Queen's and which endears her to men of different creeds and different nationalities.

A TELEGRAM.

The following telegram was received by the Principal from R. J. Thomson, F. R. S., F. G. S., L. L. D., who, as Queen's men know, received last spring the degree of L. L. D. We are always pleased when our new graduates, especially honorary ones take an interest in the doings of Queen's and we are accordingly glad to publish this message from Dr. Thomson.

Brisbane, Australia, Oct. 15.
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Society's Congratulations,
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