

ficed to this end." Such is an American's view of the peculiar aim of public school education in England, and he somewhat unwillingly confesses that in practice it is a nobler ideal than Americans have so far held up to view.

On one point, that of physical exercises and athletic sports, the writer is warm in his eulogies almost to the point of enthusiasm. In England every boy is not only compelled to pay his share towards the games, but also take part in them. At Eton he saw "a class of lads as carefully and severely examined in swimming as in Homer." Cricket, football, tennis, fives and boating are carefully provided for. The result is the thorough education of the frame no less than of the mind. Professor SLOANE quotes a remark of WELLINGTON as perfectly comprehensible by one who knows anything of public school life in England—that the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing-fields of Eton. In this country, the authorities of our colleges and schools are growing sensible to the necessity of physical as well as mental culture, and not only permit but encourage it by substantial proofs of recognition.

The paper we have been considering possesses considerable interest to Canadians. Unfortunately our youth can boast few of the advantages possessed by public school boys in England. They are less under the eye, and less supported by the constant aid and sympathy of the master. Our High Schools and Collegiate Institutes are of immense value to the Province, and their progress year by year must be gratifying to all the friends of education. But, as they cannot imitate the semi-monastic discipline of Eton or Harrow, they must be content with such means of instruction and moral discipline as lie within their reach. Our masters cannot, except in a limited degree, mould individual character; they must therefore be content with sound, conscientious work in the school. This is peculiarly true of the urban schools, where the pupils only come in contact with the masters during a small portion of the day; in the country there is a closer contact at times with youths not resident in the town; though even they are often scattered about in private boarding-houses, where such life-experience is to be gained as chance may throw in their way. Upper Canada College was originally intended to be a Canadian Eton, and it has largely fulfilled its promise. From its halls some of our best cultured and equipped youths have gone forth to attain distinguished positions in the world. That it has not more nearly approached the English model has arisen from the diverse character of the social life and surroundings in which it has been placed. We cannot make an Eton or a Rugby here; but it is not impossible to reproduce the best characteristics of both, naturalized and adapted by necessary modification so as to supply the needs of Ontario, and furnish her with a manly, upright and cultured race of men.

#### THE SENATE.

The last report furnished to the public of the meeting of the Senate is the ordinary dry and not very interesting skeleton of the proceedings; and, as usual, none of the speeches delivered for or against any of the motions and no part of the discussion are given, either in summary or in barest outline. The day is passed, in Canada as elsewhere, when the dignity of an assembly was supposed to be augmented by secrecy; and the old-fashioned policy of deliberating within closed doors has produced in the case of the Senate the indifference, not the curiosity, of University men who are kept in ignorance of its deliberations. The motion of the President—"That it be referred to a Committee, consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Justice PATTERSON, Professor LOUDON, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. WELLS, and the mover, to report to the Senate on the admission of lady candidates to degrees in Arts in the University on the same examinations as are now in force for the degrees of B.A. and M.A.," would under other circumstances attract the attention of the large number who, in Ontario, have considered the question. Attention, however, is not likely to be especially wrapt up in the mere announcement of a motion which contains no expression of opinion and no explanation of the scope of what it embodies. That explanation is needed is shown in the instance just given. What the President's motion aims at is not easily inferred from the words in which it is embalmed. If we are not mistaken the University has already admitted women to its examinations, and the object of appointing a committee to report on this admission is a severe test of our ability to conjecture. In

other words, we are mystified by the almost mysterious wording, and to be fogged in vagueness of language is relished only by the speculative Teuton.

All University men will heartily wish success to the 'Committee, consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Justice PATTERSON; Mr. CRICKMORE, Dr. SMITH, Dr. WILSON and Dr. OLDWRIGHT, has been authorized to receive subscriptions for the Moss Scholarship. There is no reason why the wish should not be realized. Apart from the consideration that no more fitting and appropriate tribute could be paid to the memory of our late Vice-Chancellor, it should be borne in mind that the University has actually, as well as comparatively, little to offer in this line; in fact, so far as scholarships are concerned, it has only one to bestow, for which it is indebted to the generosity of the Chancellor. An opportunity is now presented to the graduates of practically evincing that attachment to Alma Mater which in theory is generally ascribed to them. Many in their ranks are men whose means could afford contributions which would soon make one of the most splendid scholarships that have been established on this Continent.

#### OUR LATE VICE-CHANCELLOR.

At a convocation of the Benchers of the Law Society, held at Osgoode Hall on Tuesday, the following resolution was adopted:

"That convocation desires to place on record the deep sense of loss which it, in common with the whole country, feels by reason of the death of the Honorable Thomas Moss, Chief Justice of Ontario, and to offer to his widow and family its respectful sympathy for them in their sad bereavement. In his death the Law Society loses one who in the years of his presence in convocation as a Bencher rendered most valuable service to the profession and to the country by the energy and wisdom which he brought to the promotion of legal education, and to whom in later years it could ever look back for encouragement and advice. His courteous urbanity of manner and amiability of disposition won to him the hearts of those who enjoyed the privilege of his friendship, while his profound scholarship, his unimpeachable integrity, and his eminent ability, commanded universal respect and admiration. In him the Province has lost one of its ablest and most distinguished sons, and one of its most erudite and brilliant judges."

At a meeting of the Principal and masters of Upper Canada College, held on Friday last, the following resolution, proposed by Mr. Wedd and seconded by Mr. Brown, was unanimously adopted:

The Principal and masters take an early opportunity of recording on the minutes of their meeting the deep sorrow they feel at the death of the Honorable Chief Justice Moss, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Toronto, and Chairman of the Committee on Upper Canada College.

They desire to add to the tributes already offered to the memory of the profound scholar, the able and eloquent advocate, the painstaking, upright, and eminent judge, a statement of their appreciation of him as connected with this institution in particular.

There are yet among the present staff of masters those who well remember him as a pupil ever amiable, docile, and industrious, eventually crowning a most successful career in the College, by leaving it as head boy, with the highest honors—a position which proved but the prelude to a course of unexampled distinction at the University, followed by a marvellously rapid advancement in public and professional life.

In his official capacity of Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of the College Committee he was, amid other extremely arduous and pressing duties, unremitting in his endeavors to promote the best interests of the College; and Principal, masters, and scholars will long remember both his self-sacrificing devotion to its general welfare and the kindly and most considerate manner in which he always dealt with them individually.

In conclusion, they wish to convey to his afflicted widow and family their heartfelt sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

#### MODERN EDITORS OF ENGLISH CLASSICS.

Notam facias si possis recte, si non, quocunque modo notam. HORACE (adapted).

Have you ever been tempted to read a neat, 'extra f. cap.' 8vo. volume of portions of Shakespeare, or Milton, Pope, Hooker or Chaucer, "with Introduction, Notes, and Glossarial Index," edited by some M.A., B.D., Senior Fellow, late Scholar, &c.? No! Well, I can assure you that you would have, after half an hour's perusal, thrown the book down in disgust and sworn never to read another note. These notes, for a display of the most amazing ingenuity in discovering and quoting passages containing ideas remotely connected with the subject,