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UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT

An English author has spoken of "the doubtful virtue of consistency." Principal Grant evidently believes the same doctrine but has not the courage to admit it.

We taxed Dr. Grant the other day with openly severing at a university dinner in this city seventeen months ago that the government should come forward and assist the college and university, and that he rallied Mr. Crooks for not undertaking the work.

Through both the Kingston papers of Friday night he denies that he ever said such a thing. It then becomes a question of evidence, and to Dr. Grant's denial we must oppose our own recollection, the recollection of a dozen gentlemen who were present, the letter of Fabius in the Mail of Saturday, and the editorial in the "Yankee of Saturday. All these leave no doubt as to what Dr. Grant said. He said in effect that it was a shame that Mr. Crooks and his colleagues allowed the provincial university to want.

Another thing that is troubling Dr. Grant is that he has been checked in speaking for the Presbyterian denomination. He has found out that four-fifths of the Presbyterians of this province are warm upholders of the provincial university and that these Presbyterians will readily support a scheme for provincial aid. They know that as a matter of fact the Presbyterian clergymen are the best educated ministers we have in Ontario, and that this is owing to the fact that so many of them are graduates of this provincial university.

But not only is Dr. Grant not entitled to speak for Presbyterians but he is not friend of that genuine centre of Canadian Presbyterianism, Knox college. It has been in the way of his ambition. It is the true source of Presbyterian opinion, and therefore we expect to hear Principal Caven, not Principal Grant, voice what the Presbyterian denomination think of state aid to the provincial university. And not only Dr. Caven but the hundreds of Presbyterian clergymen throughout Ontario, especially west of Cobourg, will in due time be heard on this subject.

Principal Grant begins his reply to Vice-Chancellor Mulock by saying "a paltry grant [to the provincial university] would cost the country dear if it led to the renewal of hard feelings between the colleges." We know of a more paltry grant than that.

We hope Principal Grant will study the letter of Fabius in the Mail of Saturday and the letter of Mr. Eakin following it. There is no opposition to the denominational colleges therein. What did the provincial university ever do to Principal Grant (other than train the students of Knox college) or to Victoria, or to Trinity, that they should oppose the state institution going to the state that created it for the assistance which it needs. Principal Grant rightly appeals to Kingston and the Presbyterians who created Queen's, and the provincial rightly looks to its parent the state.

The Mail, we are glad to see, has come out straight in favor of state aid to the university, and its editorials, especially the one of Saturday, was a well-reasoned argument. The Globe has not yet had the courage to say anything—its article of Saturday was just a beating about the bush. Perhaps it will now take pattern by the Mail and come out.

THE SEBASTION SENATION. There can be no denying the fact that the people of Manitoba and the Northwest have serious grievances, some of them incidental to the settlement of a new country, and therefore inevitable, and others of them the result of governmental mistakes, and therefore capable of being remedied. The man who becomes a pioneer of civilization in the hope of bettering his fortunes by an early occupation of the field must expect to miss many of the advantages and comforts which are the concomitants of an adult civilization.

Impartial inquiry would probably show that the ills of the Northwest which government can either cause or cure are few, apart from the land regulations which are fruitful causes of just complaint. The talk about rebellion and secession originates mostly with the correspondents of United States papers, who write by the column. The leading spirits of that Newer Dominion are British Canadian in spirit, and will think several times before they permit any resort to violence. This, however, is no reason why the government should permit the land grievances to go unredressed. The railway grievances must be borne patiently for a time, just as they are being borne in Ontario. The overthrow of railway monopolies is a national, not a provincial, question.

There is little if any more secession sentiment in the new than there is in the old provinces, and in both is more than likely to be swallowed up before many years are past in nobler aspirations after Canadian independence and nationality.

AMERICAN BEHEMETHS. A directory has been published in London giving the name, age and address of every young unmarried lady in the United States to whom a fortune has descended or is about to descend.

The information is giving for the benefit of impetuous British peers. It may be safely wagered that British manna will study this new directory with as much diligence as De Brett's peerage, for next to having a marriageable daughter is a correct knowledge of her rivals. Odds may be taken, however, that the impetuous peers will know it better than their manna.

The idea strikes our Canadian mind as a particularly refined one and worthy of the English spirit of enterprise.

It will now be in order for an enterprising American to get up a directory of the impetuous peers.

ATLANTA INDIANISM. Atlanta, Georgia, is the scene at present of an amusing war. In fact it is a war of fair women upon men.

When Michael Levy, the corned player, was in Pittsburg lately an insinuating reporter seduced him into undue confidences concerning his domestic unhappiness. There have been one or two Mrs. Levys, and the unhappy husband descended upon them in most unloving terms.

Then Michael went to Georgia to fill an opera engagement there. When he got to Georgia he found that his Pittsburg interview had preceded him and that the Georgia belles were so indignant at his ungentle utterances that they had declared that neither they, their brothers, their cousins, or their lovers should patronize the opera while he was there.

They also held a meeting in which they nominated Levy "a heartless three eyed horn blowed not fit for a darkey." "Three-eyed is good.

However, the bachelors held a rival meeting, at which Levy was publicly thanked for stating his opinion of the sex in such unmistakable terms.

Then the crowd serenaded him and in response he took out his cornet and played sweetly "We Never Speak as We Pass By."

Verily they do things well in Georgia.

The Duke of Edinburgh will lay down the fiddle and the bow and take up the shovel and the hoe. He has quit fiddling, and will turn his attention to agriculture, in which latter pursuit he has a wide field to exercise his usefulness.

Marquis Tseng, the Chinese diplomat, is said to have been educated by the Jesuits, and to be a member of that order. The next announcement will be that he is sitting Bull, who has not been heard from of late.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts will visit America shortly, and as an exchange—referring to the free excursion of a party of English capitalists through the States—remarks that she will bring her own money with her.

The women are asserting their rights everywhere. The latest comes from South Carolina, where the state legislature voted a large sum of money for the higher education of boys, leaving the girls out in the cold. The ladies of the state are up in arms at this injustice.

The Mail says an oilcloth factory is to be started in Kingston shortly, right under Sir Richard Cartwright's nose. It must be a very small factory, or Sir Richard's nose must be phenomenally large.

"This work is very handsomely bound, and is printed in clear type on soft paper, which cannot hurt anyone's eyes." The foregoing is the literary comment of the Globe on a work recently issued.

The Jersey Lily opened the other night at London in the School for Scandal, and scored a great success. She ought to know her part well.

The Globe publishes a clipping on "How to go to sleep." We recommend a perusal of that journal as a soporific.

The time made the other day at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, by a trotting horse with running mate is important in the indication it affords of the time which may yet be made of a trotter going singly. The horse Frank, who trotted in 2:08 1/2, could not probably pull a sulky over a mile track in 2:20. According to the official time he went the second quarter in 30 1/2 seconds, which is at the rate of 2:02 to the mile.

Another account reports one of the quarters as having been made in 29 1/2 seconds, which is at the rate of a mile in 1:58. No horse going singly has, we believe, trotted a quarter in better than 31 seconds, 2:10 being the best time for a mile. The fact, however, that a horse can keep the trotting gait and go a quarter in less than half a minute indicates that the speed of trotters going in harness will yet come within that limit. The speed is already here. It needs merely to be supplemented by a little more power. Before the century is out the trotter will come that, going singly in harness, will make a mile in two minutes.

The communication of "Policyholder" in Saturday's paper shows, and the company are doubtless prepared to admit it, big profits to the shareholders. But one of the best signs of the vitality and security of an insurance company is to be found in this very fact, that the shareholders are making money.

ANSWER TO TUNIS.

To the Editor of The World. Sir: Tunis asks if the Secular society wants mechanics to join them, and by what means he can become a member. Let me say there is no class distinction with us, and I shall be pleased to have the address of Tunis that one of us may call on him.

R. S. WATT.

23 Dover Court Road.

A CARD FROM MR. COLES.

To the Editor of The World. Sir: I have seen your remarks in this morning's paper referring to my attitude in connection with the Queen street subway.

Be so good as to remark that I am not in any way opposing the construction of that work by argument or otherwise. Parkdale is a wealthy corporation and equal to any emergency. T. W. COLES, P.M. Parkdale, Nov. 16.

A POINTER FOR CLARISA.

To the Editor of The World. Sir: I am a constant reader of your paper, and I take a great interest in the controversy started by Clarissa.

It is not a success in bringing out the young men I will pay the bill. Creemore, Nov. 15. COUNTRY LAD.

CHANCEL AND ORGAN.

To the Editor of The World. Sir: There is quite a sensation caused in regard to the proposed amplified choir of St. James' cathedral. I have seen in your columns two or three suggestions in reference to the removal of the organ. As far as I can see, it would be an unnecessary expense to remove said organ.

For seven years I have been a chorister in a cathedral choir in England. My organ was placed precisely the same as the one in question. The choir sang in the chancel, the other end of the choir. Do you see the organ west end and the choir at the other. I have heard it remarked, it was grand to sit in the centre of the church and listen to the music of the choir. It requires good singing to be done, as all accord would be heard very distinctly in the centre of the cathedral. But I am confident such discord would be in St. James'.

ANOTHER WORD FOR THE GIRL.

To the Editor of The World. Sir: I noticed Daniel's letter, and I think he is a little severe on the young ladies of Toronto. I think it is worth giving them a fair trial, and I would find the young ladies a great deal more intellectual than the young men. Now I do not profess to be very intellectual or highly cultivated but at the same time I would not profess my gentleman companion to be intellectually my inferior.

The great trouble nowadays with the young men of Toronto is that they look for more than they do, and run away with the idea that they can get any one they choose to go after, sometimes they get a girl who is not worth the trouble. It requires good looks and counter poise over what the girls will give. Do give me the true honest man that works faithfully for the money he brings in on Saturday night no matter how, so long as he gets it honestly. Such a man deserves a good loving helpmate for a wife. As for those other empty headed dudes, it serves them right to get what they look for, some fair, giddy young damsel that can do nothing but play the piano, look in the glass, dress for operas and parties, and then go and get married to a man who has no more than an eye to business, and are as apt as they get back to her. These are the kind of girls some young men call intellectual. I know it is very easy to be a young man, but I know it is very hard to be a young man who is worth anything. I have a few myself, but I was taught a few kitchen talents as well, which will come of more use to me some day than I can get from a mechanic, one who knows how to appreciate a good woman's worth. LILLIAN.

ADVICE TO CLARISSA.

To the Editor of The World. Sir: Referring to the plaint of the fair Clarissa, I may be pardoned the remark that were the ladies of Toronto more circumspect in their department they would have no reason to speak as does the above mentioned writer. We all know how common it is for ladies of good social standing in Toronto to form acquaintances with young men with no other public resort with them. This "making a strike" may be very romantic and pleasant, but young ladies have no idea how much it lowers them in the estimation of every sensible young man. Such a man, if it is a blossoming into friendship, or ripens into love; indeed in very few cases does the gentlemen carry away with him a single sentiment of regard, much less respect, for the lady who made herself so cheap. Let our young men be what they may, they all admire modesty, and it is a commendable trait. There is another class of ladies in the city who render themselves unpopular by pursuing a different but none the less reprehensible course of action. From the time they attain the age of sixteen and launch upon the ocean of social life one thought only occupies their minds, and that is matrimony. When we consider that the number of marriageable men in Toronto is comparatively small we cease to wonder that young men should be so anxious to get a young lady when they see that they are not eligible as husbands, or seek to wind them in a matrimonial net which their small incomes make them dread. If Clarissa would learn to treat kindly those whose worldly possessions are not extensive, to entertain gentlemen without having an eye to business, and above all refrain from flirting or "making strikes" she will soon have no reason to complain of a lack of male society. And in conclusion be it stated that if matrimony be instituted between the city ladies and their country sisters the former may hang their heads and blink when they find themselves so different in all those qualities which excite masculine admiration. SENEX.

IRISH PROTESTANT BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S CONCERT.

To the Editor of The World. Sir: In your issue of this morning you complain of the audience who patronized the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society's concert as being unable to appreciate the talented vocalist who contributed to the night's amusement in a foreign tongue. Now, sir, I along with many others plead guilty to the charge, as they were to the great majority of the audience but as a "sounding brass or tinkling symbol." How many in the audience, except your critic, understood the German tongue? I firmly believe not one per cent. understood the words rendered, and however grand the singing may be, to

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