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THE Canadian Institute of Toronto has taken a step which must be heartily commended by all, the collecting and arrangement of an Archeological Museum. The gathering together of relics of this sort has been left to a late day, but "better late than never," and we hope the endeavor will prove successful. The address, for any wishing to communicate in reference to this museum, is "Canadian Institute, 43 Richmond Street, Toronto."

THROUGH the kind permission of Mr. John Lesperance, of Montreal, we give our readers the benefit of a portion of an article read by him before the Royal Society, in May, 1884. The author, it will be observed, has reserved for further notice two poets with whom many are already familiar—Sangster and Heavysege. Canadian poets are not, as a rule, honored in their own country, and it is with no small feeling of pride that we find such little gems as are here revealed brought forth to our notice from time to time. We need a national literature, encouragement to "home production," and an honest appreciation of honest effort. There has been little to stimulate us yet, perhaps, but we think we can develop a literature, even as a colony. Let our poets be heard from. We hope to present more along this line in the course of the year.

DEBTS.—These luxuries are enjoyed by nations outside of Canada, therefore let us not pride ourselves too much on our possession. Mulhall, the London statistician, presents the British Association with a few facts which we reproduce. The debts of the leading nations in 1884 were in millions of dollars as follows:—France, 4,975; Great Britain, 3,780; Russia, 2,775; Austria, 2,540; Italy, 2,190; Germany, 1,670; Spain, 1,650; United States, 1,525; Spanish America, 975; India, 800; Turkey, 740; Australia, 580; Egypt, 565; Portugal, 535; Holland, 420; Belgium, 390; Japan, 335; Canada, 190; Roumania, 135; South Africa, 115; Norway and Sweden, 100; Greece, 90; Den-