

THE PROGRESS OF PEACE.

The treaty of arbitration agreed upon between Great Britain and the United States, after a long course of negotiations, marks a distinct stage in the progress of peace. After continuous reports of bloodshed in Armenia, troubles in South Africa, fighting and outrage in Cuba, and jealous bickerings among the great Powers of Europe, the announcement of such happy international relations established between the two foremost nations of the world, is both significant and encouraging. By the terms of this treaty, which is binding for five years at least, all questions of difference which diplomacy has failed to adjust, are to be submitted to tribunals of arbitration. Provision is made for three of these, one to settle pecuniary claims which do not exceed one hundred thousand pounds; another to settle similar claims which exceed that amount, and a third to decide territorial disputes.

For the present, then, Canada may quietly indulge the dream of peace, assured that contending armies shall not meet upon her soil. But this treaty is an experiment which suggests far-reaching possibilities for the future. It encourages us to cherish the larger expectation, that one day tribunals of arbitration shall lead to the disbanding of the immense standing armies of the European nations, to the realization, perchance, of the poet's hope,

When the common sense of most shall hold a fretful realm in awe,
And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in universal law.

THE LATIN PLAY.

We have read with pleasure the announcement that McGill University is to present a Latin comedy, the middle of this month, thus realizing a long cherished plan. The Arts professors and students are to be congratulated on the energy and perseverance they have shewn in this matter. We heartily hope