

"Science of Fisticuffs" will improve the physical, mental or moral nature of its readers. We shall refer more fully to this tendency in journalism in the future. By the way, the *World*, though in a serio-comic manner, directs attention to the fact that among the writers of Ontario we number "wise men from the East." Grant, Griffin, Anglin, Collins and Roberts are from the Maritime Provinces. This is another reason for saying that Ontario is becoming the intellectual centre of the Dominion.

WILFORD'S MICROCOSM is a very ambitious monthly, published in New York, devoted to the study of modern science in its bearing upon the religious thought of the age. It has a platform or theme of universal interest, and affords much curious speculation, keen criticism and ingenious argument. No theory of modern science seems to escape its criticism; hoary age and mere personal authority seem to add but little respect to the theories of the day; sound, heat, light, cold, force, thought, existence, are by it placed upon new foundations. We do not here intend to enter into any controversy about the new theories of these annihilating scientists, but in reading the last few numbers of the Journal, two or three thoughts have suggested themselves to our minds, viz.: the promoters of the new theory of Substantialism seem to have thoroughly convinced *themselves*; they expect the fathers of theories such as wave-motion, which are among the sublimest creations of the human mind, to think less of their pet creations than do the fathers of Substantialism; they speak at times rather harshly of their rivals, not treating with due deference such men as Helmholtz and Tyndall; they hardly realize that their own theory is after all but a *theory*, a speculation, which will doubtless, even if now accepted, in time gave way before the more careful investigation and scrutiny of man in his investigation into the secrets and mysteries of the universe. Some scientists have adopted its views, but we have yet to hear of their adoption by the scientists and thinkers of our foremost colleges and