

professor has been urged, but nothing has been said about the merits of the candidates. There can be no doubt, however, about the position taken in these "Notes." But is "Paiolo" quite sure the *Monthly* speaks only for *some* of the students in this matter? We would advise the author of these "Notes" to search for one instance in which the opinions expressed by the *Monthly* are contrary to those held by the majority of the students—"and when found make a note of." He should be sure of his ground before publicly making such strong statements as he is in the habit of making. There is a modesty becoming anonymous correspondence, however conscious of ability the correspondent may be.

WE have had an unusual number of American lecturers in Toronto lately. Dr. Lyman Abbott's lecture on "The Rival Queens," a page from English history, was a fine piece of composition. But he is a writer, not an orator. There are many, however, who would not agree with him in putting Mary Queen of Scots in the same list with Catherine de Medici of France, and Jezebel of Israel. Prof. Swing had not the audience a man accused of heresy is supposed to draw. The majority of those who heard his lecture on "The Novel in Literature," were of the most orthodox type, many of them clergymen. One has not far to seek for the secret of his popularity in Chicago. He is an orator; not like Beecher, nor like Talmage, nor like any one else but Swing. His style is as peculiar as his personal appearance. R. J. Burdette's "Advice to Young Men" was a real treat, and was thoroughly enjoyed. We were indebted to the President and students of McMaster Hall for an opportunity of hearing Mr. Burdette a second time. At the request of Rev. Dr. Castle he agreed to address the students at the Hall; and as they always share their good things with their neighbors, the students of Wycliffe and Knox were kindly invited. "The Hawkeye Man" was as much at home in talking to theological students about the lights and shadows of ministerial life, as in saying funny things on the platform, or in writing funny things for the press. He did us all good. We expect to hear a lecture on "What Great Men Know but Dare not Speak of," by one of them, the Rev. Dr. MacVicar, of Montreal, in College Street Church, on the evening of Feb. 22nd.

"The Pastor's Diary and Clerical Record," prepared by Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., Erskine Church, Montreal, published by Funk and Wagnalls, New York, a copy of which we received some time ago, is admirably suited for the use of those for whom it is intended. Nearly every pastor uses a diary of some kind; but we have seen none to be compared with the one before us. It gives all the information, tables and lists which a minister constantly requires. The only fault one can find with the book is that there is too much in it. A smaller edition, with things which are required only by city pastors with many public engagements, and some things with which a pastor ought to have nothing to do, such as the finances of the church, left out, would be better adapted to the wants of the large majority of ministers. But the plan of Mr. Jordan's book is excellent. By using it a minister will avoid numberless mistakes, and his work will be more methodical and satisfactory. We recommend the book to attention of the graduating class.