

OUR Chancellor combines, in an impressive personality, the two opposite characters of student and man of affairs. He first thinks out a subject patiently and thoroughly, his intellect working with the steadiness and force of a steam engine, and he then applies himself, with a persistence that in the end overcomes all obstacles, to working it out, until it has become an accomplished fact. He is perfectly willing that other men should get the credit of the undertaking, his one gratification being that the thing has been done and that it will benefit man. To leave the world better than he found it seems to be his one ambition. His humanitarianism, too, is not that sickly irreligious sentiment which ignores the divine appointments of family and country, and which is only another name for selfishness. He is loyal to Canada and Britain, to the Dominion and the Empire, and so his loyalty to the world is not in the air, but on solid bases. And he shows his loyalty to Canada, not only by devoting toil and thought to great material works, such as those which have bound our Provinces together by links of steel, but by encouraging the intellectual development of the people wherever he goes. Queen's may be foremost in his thoughts, but other universities, as well as institutes of Science and Arts, have shared in his unostentatious liberality. His literary style is excellent, and in everything he writes a healthy patriotism glows. Probably that is the reason why the *Toronto Globe* sneered so angrily at his "From Old to New Westminster." Or, the reason may be that the Chancellor is not a party man.

The scheme on which the Chancellor is at present engaged is the formation of a company for the purpose of establishing submarine cables between Australia and Vancouver. At present, telegraphic communication between Britain and the Australian colonies is dependent on other nations, and on a

thousand chances, any one of which would stop it in an hour, should there be war with Russia or a Mediterranean power. But let the proposed cable be laid, and all the great constituent parts of the empire will be united by telegraph wires. The importance of such an object cannot be overrated. The company, we are glad to see, has been formed, and with a capital of \$10,000,000. Subsidies will have to be given by the British and Colonial Governments concerned, and there should be no hitch here, so far as Canada is concerned, for the scheme will not only benefit our trade, but make Canada actually the news centre of the whole empire.

THE President of the Alma Mater Society lately brought down a message containing a suggestion, which, if carried out, promises at least one night's entertainment of a very pleasing character. He proposes that one night in the session shall be set apart, and designated "graduates' night," this meeting to be altogether in the hands of old graduates who shall provide entertainment in whatsoever form they may think best. A short debate, perhaps music, conversation on college life, as in days past, would fill the hours very pleasantly. The matter has as yet been mentioned to only one or two of the city graduates, but it has been taken up with a heartiness which promises an immensely interesting meeting.

THE City Council at its last meeting resolved to memorialize the Government of Ontario to take steps to establish in Kingston a School of Practical Science, similar to the one now in Toronto. Will our friends throughout the Province urge the members of various County Councils, especially in Eastern Ontario to do likewise? Deputations should be appointed by each Council to wait upon the Government to press the matter on its immediate consideration.