

IMPORTANT MATHEMATICAL DISCOVERIES.  
Professors Young and London at the Canadian Institute.

Never in the history of the Canadian Institute were two such important papers read before it on the same evening as were read on Saturday night by Professors Young and London of University College, the one in the domain of pure mathematics, the other in that of mathematical physics.

Prof. Young has long held a foremost position among the leaders of the world, and has in previous investigations thrown much new light on the solution of quintic equations. Last year he published a paper on the subject in the American Journal of Mathematics and in the transactions of the American Mathematical Society.

Prof. Young that another well-known Canadian mathematician, J. C. Glashan of Ottawa, has by the aid of his investigations discovered the same criterion of solvability of quintics. It is to be hoped that Mr. Glashan will publish his investigations in order that no shred of the honor so well earned for Canadian scholarship may be carried to other lands.

The significance of Mr. London's discovery is probably no less than that of Mr. Young's. The mathematical theory of this class has long been familiar to physicists, and it is quite different with the theory of thick lenses, which, left imperfectly explained by its discoverer, has been elaborately treated by others with a view to its more satisfactory elucidation.

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IS RELIGION FROM PRIESTHOOD?

Rev. Hilary Fry's First Sunday Evening Lecture.

Some phases of Modern Skepticism is the underlying idea of a course of Sunday evening lectures which Rev. Hilary Fry, of the Jarvis street Unitarian church has arranged to deliver during November and December.

Mr. Fry's first lecture, which was held last night before a large audience, the subject being "Is Religion the Result of Priestcraft?" The brightest and best minds of the age, he said, were slowly but surely losing their faith in the current religious teaching of Christendom, often admitting it as mere quackery and humbug, and many were turning to the belief that religion was neither natural nor necessary to man.

Such a decay of religious faith and life was now threatening, the complaint came from the churches that they were losing influence over the best and most thoughtful minds. What did this mean? Were our brightest children going to lead lives in which God had no part? The answer depended mainly on two things—there must be more sincerity in religion, and there must be more reason in religion.

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TAKE YOUR OTHER HANLAN

GETS AWAY WITH TEEMER AT ST. LOUIS.

The Ottawa Boy Pulls a Good Race and Takes his Busy Like a First-Tester's.

St. Louis, Nov. 2.—The race between Teemer and Gaudaur, declared a tie last Sunday, was rowed over at Greve Coeur lake this afternoon. The start was made at 4:32, and Gaudaur, in the 5 seconds granted him under the terms of the race, gained a lead of two lengths before Teemer started.

Teemer gained a length and steadily crept close to his opponent and within five lengths of the turning flag the boats were even. Two lengths farther on at a rapid race, Teemer's turn was slow and when his shell swung around the bow went under water and before he straightened out he had lost two lengths. At this point Gaudaur gained rapidly and Teemer was out of the race, and dragged slowly down the course.

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FIFTH YEAR. HAS KHARTOUM FALLEN?

THE INDICATIONS INCREASING THAT IT HAS NOT.

What Members of the British Cabinet Had to Say Yesterday—Gen. Gordon and The Rebels Announced in Combat.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The Times considers the report that Khartoum had fallen and Gordon been taken prisoner as extremely doubtful. This view, it thinks, is especially reasonable in the absence of advice on the subject from General Wolsey.

The Daily News has a despatch from Dabab stating that Gen. Gordon attacked a large force of rebels at Khartoum, and after eight hours' fighting put them to flight. Gen. Gordon had twelve vessels well manned with four Krupp guns, one of which burst during the engagement.

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