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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 26, 1881, University Consolidation From a Method dist Point of View.

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III. One of the most frequently heard objections to university consolidation is that one university is not enough for this prov-The most obvious reply to this objection is that Victoria was not established forty years ago because one university was not enough, but because the provincial fund set apart for higher education was appropriated to the anglican church and devoted to the foundation of a strictly anglican university. Had such a misappropriation of the fund never taken place Victoria college might have been founded as a purely theological institution, but it would certainly never have taken its present form. To the establishment of Queen's and Victoria more than to any other cause we owe the secu larization of King's college, and having served a useful purpose ever since the latter can plead for consideration on its merits But the question is not of abolishing Victoria. It is a question of changing its held by the world, and if not yet of much character to suit the altered conditions of the present day. And what are these altered conditions?

In the first place, as we have already pointed out, there has set in on this continent an era of univer developement entirely unprece dented in the educational history of any country, and if we are to keep ambitious young men and women at home we must furnish them with educational oppor tunities equal to the best. In the second place the standard of university education has been greatly raised, so that the work required for an honor degree in all the universities a generation ago was insignifi-Cant compared with the work now required. and appliances have become far more costly than they once were. This remark applies alike to the salaries of lecturers, the equipment of laboratories, and the extension of libraries.

If we are to have a great university under these conditions-and we should certainly have one-it seems clear that we cannot have more. The endowments of the leading American universities run up into the millions. The endowment of Toronto university and college is about one million. The endowment of Vic toria is less, we believe, than the fifth part of a million. From the point of view of endowment, equipment and revenue, therefore, we believe that one institution of the highest class is all that this province is able to maintain.

How is it with the number of students? There are at present in attendance at University college, Toronto, about 400 students, many of them not matriculated and entering one of the learned professions. Assuming that Victoria has an average of Hector. 100, is there anything objectionable in an attendance of 500 in a single college with an ample staff, plenty of lecture rooms. and a flexible system of optional courses The fact that in Edinburg and other universities there are more than double this number of arts students furnishes a complete answer.

So far as Victoria is concerned, her supporters and patrons need have no fear of amalgamation. Her students can be accommodated in the provincial university with ease. But there is no reason why, under a proper system of optional equivalents, Victoria or the colleges should not do work suitable for an arts course. It would be inexpedient for a secular college to take up extensively the subject of apologetics, dealing not merely with natural theology, but with the evidences of christianity, the canon of scripture and kindred topics. It would be hardly less expedient for it to teach new these and cognate subjects, including Oriental languages, and confine the teaching in the provincial college to those subjects to which no objection can be urged from any sectarian point of view. In this way the resources and energies of Victoria, beyond what is expended on the maintenance of a purely theological course, could find ample scope, and the higher educational system of the country be all the better for it.

There is no reason why we should have one stereotyped university curriculum or the mystifications of European diplomacy, one stereotyped form of college teaching, and that is that Bismarck is endeavoring to If Victori comes into the provincial sys- play off France and England against one tem no restriction can be placed on her another, reserving to himself the right to activities, and her patrons must be allowed finally mark time with whichever power to spend their money as they please. The promises to be most useful and least reasonable course for them to take at this troublesome to himself. Although he has juncture is to assist in rendering the pro- succeeded in inflaming a section of the viocial university more efficient in its own French press with a relapse of Angiophobia sphere, to allow the students of Victoria it is difficult to understand how the old to avail themselves of the facilities it Crimean allies are to be completely bam affords, and to lighten in this way the bur- | boozled with their eyes open | France in

dens imposed on themselves for the pro notion of the educational schemes of their

A Revolutionary Epoch. Some four or five years ago Mr. Hynd nann contributed a long article to the Nineteenth Century going to show that Europe was then on the eve of a political and social crisis. As far as the critical nature of the elements of society were conerned, the paper pointed out very clearly the tendency towards an up rising. During the period which has elapsed since its publication the continen al powers have certainly experienced social crisis of no small dimensions. The growingly more open demands of socialism and the more danger ous attempts of anarchism to abolish laws and annihilate the framers of laws have

struck deeply into the vitals of the European body social. Any such marked hanges in the politics of these nations, lowever, was not so marked. But at the resent moment the signs of a commotion n international relationships is very evi ent. The avidity with which Germany s seizing colonial possessions, and the atempts in the same direction made by rance and England are not conducive to the maintenance of a perfect understanding between these powers, the interests of which are so complicated and interlinked. The Egyptian problem is assuming a proportion and importance that threatens to hrow those of the eastern question into the shade. The Congo territory may yet prove a thorn in the flesh to already uneasy Europe. And the old foe, anarchy, must at no very future date be opposed by oncerted measures that may still more end to unsettle political equilibrium. England's prestige is not the magic wand it once was. Germany's hostility to France and her own agressiveness deprive per of her ancient influence as peacemaker Russia does not fail to assert her existence ometimes in unpleasant ways. Italy is growing in the estimation in which she is

complications. Has anyone ever investigated the effects pon the American nation of the constant abit of expectoration to which the male ortion are addicted? It surely is an appreciable factor in bringing about the lime complain.

weight will be at all events a factor in the

University men were wishing some time Coronto. Has anybody ever thought of try to die in. ndowing the catering part of University college residence? This truly would be an ry, and with a large incomearly to be expended in purchasing he food best adapted for replenishing the terrific waste of brain (and other) power of resident men, surely even their present high stands in the class lists would be mproved, to say nothing of the refining affuence of the nice appointments of the linner table, and the removal of all necescities for apologizing to the guest who is unacquainted with the internal arrangements of the residence dining-hall.

The mudir of Dongola has been gazetted a knight commander of the most distin guished order of St. Michael and St. George. England has a happy knack of conferring titles. A mudir shows his loyalty, he is make a K. C. M. G.; a pre-Wales goes to India and Maharaja Pertab Singh Bahadur, and Byramjce Jejeebhoy are made companions of the most exalted order of the star of India; some political taking only special courses with a view of gentlemen attain notoriety and they are immediately known as Sir David, or Sir

A corollary to the universal expressi of sentiment at Christmastide is the delicious sense of freedom it induces. All amotional moments are times of liberty, from the poetic license to the kiss in the dark. Barriers of every sort are broken down, and mankind indulges in a general scorn of the laws of strict propriety. How gleefully the single youth with the three maidens dash through the streets in a single cutter. Of what a pleasurable little extra pressure is the protecting arm of the sobriety. On the other hand the miracles sobriety, which the adoption of the Scott act is to fully by his side during this so propitious season. Even the cynical misanthrope's features relax as the hearty "same to you" greets him from an unexpected quarter.

It is said that the Russian minister of the interior, who is remarkable for nothing so much as for his injustice to the Jews, is per consequence inundated with letters threatening him with assassination. This testament Greek or christian ethics, and does not follow. The children of Israel yet these subjects may legitimately be are a long suffering race, whose resistance have no scruples in such matters, and who targets of Muscovite ignorance and prejudice. In any case, we do not see that a right to complain when a lawless Nemesis

One thing seems tolerably clear through

threatens his own existence.

particular has good reason to recollect that he who dines with Mephistopheles has need to be careful in the selection of his cutlery.

But she seems to have fallen upon the day.

Scottite clinches his own views on the wine mentioned in the bible, coupling the Saviour's sacred name with "rot-gut whisky," betrays more of the spirit of a Judas than that of a sound reasoner or of of small things in statesmanship.

The much misunderstood or misrepre sented mudir of Dongola, having been gacetted K. C. M. G., the Globe ought to remark that he is Sir John A. Macdonald's parallel and should be banqueted. He cortainly seems to be a rather remarkable man, and to owe his doubtful political reputation more to the machinations of invent ive newspaper correspondents than to his own want of character. In both these respects he may be not improperly bracketed with the mudir of Ottawa.

Fragments of the late convention ontinue to drag their weary way through the columns of the tory country

The man who predicted that this was to e a very open winter finds it necessary to shut up. The far-seeing muskrat and the prophetic goose bone regard him with pity-

South Carolina's legislature has proounced for civil service reform. This oes not look as though the solid south Vashington.

Out in Utah protestants and catholics ave separate denominational schools, which the mormons are endeavoring to freeze out of existence by onerous tax- for illustrated pamphlet free. tions and vexatious discriminations. This s just the way in which to bring the irreressible conflict to a focus, and it is about time for it to be brought there.

The English undertaking interest is preatened by a grave danger. According the New York Sun's correspondent lyspepsia of which the inhabitants of this plain coffins are imported into Great Britain from Sweden and Norway at halfcrown ariece. It is the boast of a certain school of economists that England is go that some philanthropic graduate a very cheap country to live in. At this would endow a chair in the university of rate it ought certainly to be a cheap coun-

The Scott Act Controversy. excellent project. With a steward at a Editor World: Your correspondent A. B. and the present season of the year is the most favorable for a speedy and permanent cure the majority of cases being cured at one treat ne yet see that any defence was necessary. A. B. only did what the plucky little World often does-show up a fraud in its proper light. Scottite, however, considers it his duty to rush to the rescue of A Christian, who, in a letter to the Guelph Herald, openly threatened, not only Mr. Smellie, but all who dare express opinions afavorable to the Scott act. t is also his duty as a good Scottite t parody the words of an opponent, at the

that he is quoting the original.

He says: "Notwithstanding the as med ignorance of A. B., it is a fact tha boyootting is being more or less practiced in Guelph," and again: "they prefer to see the electors personally and coax and plead with them to have pity on them and not deprive them of their living, and if this won't work they try threatening and mier goes to England for his health, he comes back a G. C. B. The prince of boycotting." To all this A.B. has nothing Wales goes to India and Maharaja Pertah ance, and is of opinion that such statements bught to be substantiated with facts or taken with a good dose of salt. That some Scotties in this locality take to etter : that they go round coaxing and cleading A.B. knows both from hearsay and repeated personal experience. and repeated personal experience.
Scottite might have saved himself the rouble of saying that "it is impossible to xaggerate the evils resulting from intem

erance" if he was not acting on the prin-iple that an of repeated lie may be made o pass muster for the truth. Every un-plassed person in the country knows that verything in connection with the adoption of the act is unduly exaggerated. The wil which it is intended to remove, and he good it will do are stretched to, and work in the suppression of intemperance and the depletion of jails and penitentiaries are not forthcoming. No better proof of this need be given than the fact that in every place where the act was up for re peal after a three years' trial (with the ex eption of Halton) it was either wiped ou f existence or sustained by bare majori ties trifling in comparison with those in favor of it when the evils incidental to its

peration were unknown.

As to the scriptural bearing of the ques tion, A. B. is not a theologian; but ventures to say that the text quoted by Scottyet these subjects may legitimately be accepted as parts of a liberal university training. One obvious arrangement advantageous to all would be to recognize at its proper value for university purposes all the work done by any affiliated college in the second countries of the proper than the second countries of the proper way for reclaiming mankind is removing the tyrant. It is quite possible that Count Tolskei's that the text quoted by Scotting and turning be made to prove that "the proper way for reclaiming mankind is removing the tyrant. It is quite possible that Count Tolskei's that the text quoted by Scott-increase and the second countries of the same and countries of the second countries of the same and countries of the second countries of the same at the text quoted by Scott-increase. is quite possible that Count Tolstoi's that it propped up to A. B.'s position and communications are from nihilists, who utterly demolished the new theology which Scottite seems to be a not unworth might not be above masquerading behind the man that endureth temptation: fo the unfortunate race who are the favorite when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life." If Scottite does not be lieve that alcohol is one of God's creature will he kindly explain in how many crestatesman who endangers the lives of ators do the professors of his creed believe. others by a wicked policy has much moral Under the conviction that there is but one he is recommended to carefully read and digest the 4th chapter of First Timothy, and he will find that the reading of the 4th verse is: "For every creature of God is good: and nothing is to be refused if it be received with thanksgiving. find in the same epistle, 5th chap, and 23d verse: "Drink no longer water: but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities." And if he is anxious to know why Paul was so par-ticular in his instructions to Timothy per-haps the words: "Let no man therefore

udge you in meat or in drink," may/b

in the days of the apostles as well as in our own. The words quoted are in the 16sh verse of the 3rd chapter of the epistle

an honest enquirer after the truth, and is enough to make all lovers of the bible who read it pray that the clergy may see that it is their duty to take ap this phase of the question and so place it beyond the plane of blasphemous babblers. A. B. Guelph, Dec. 23, 1884. An Explanation of Paquet's Case.

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Now is the time when the wayback journalist makes leaded appeals to his subscribers in arrears to bring him in cord-wood. The spectacle of a free trade editor denouncing the coal duty in one column and confessing in the next that he beils his paste upon a wood stove is not a rare one, but it has its significance nevertheless.

The man who predicted that this was to had been ailing for several days, and that

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with their use. A well-known violinist said: ' fact you have noticed, that the here have, in many instances, take violin playing, has been of great bet to professional fiddlers. A good violican now find here all the teachin wants. The taste for violin pla among ladies began to be not here about five years ago, and not has been calculated there are from to 500 young ladies studying, bes many who have become sufficien vanced to pursue their practice ald

"The violin is an instrument par rly well adapted for ladies. It larly well adapted for ladies. not require any great physical stree and the proper handling of instru and bow admit of the display of t most grace. Violin playing does have a tendency to narrow the and round the body as too con sitting at the piano often does.
violin is portable, and with a 'mut
can be practised in a school or bed without annoying the household course the difficulties of the instru are great, but I find, as a rule, the rine ear is more acute and accurate the male. As the great difficulty violin is to 'stop' the notes in tune value of a good ear is inest There are many young girls in B who are really excellent players, a several instances there are far where the daughters can supply a plete quartet, viz., first and second lins, viola and violoncello. The named instrument is less adapte

the placing of a long peg on whi instrument rests has almost over the difficulty. "My pupils take the greatest por interest in their instruments. and can talk learnedly with a pro about scrolls, single and double p sound posts, bars and varnishes. have the dates of the great firmly fixed in their minds, and argue warmly about the resp merits of the Cremona artists. don't know what started the fa

in Boston, but probably the adv some lady violinist or the reading

ladies, because it should proper held by the grip of the lower him

the great triumphs of Mme. N Neruda in London. At any ra fashion, though on the whole the recent playing of a concerto abrich at the Abbey be brought nie several new pupils, "A girl should begin to learn about ten years old, but not unl has a strong liking for music, ear and decided perseveran first stages of learning are e droary, and nothing can make t durable but a strong ambition violin playing is, I think, the we ture I know, and I will not keep who does not show application telligence. I should think n for jail if I turned loose upon any large number of bad pla requires from two to three yea work before a pupil can play a piece sufficiently well to ple partial listeners. To be a great is, as Dogberry says, the gift Some men of intelligence, ind who devotedly love their ins will practice for ten hours a da their lives, and nover be m good reliable players. On t

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'No one knows," says, peace and policy of a virtuou life till he's got into a box.

rackets for me." Daisy was not there whe home, and he went windly in her. Like a suspicions man restaurants. Like a hus Fr ach play he borrowed to

invaled the cabinets particu When he went home, in dawn, defeated and perplex himself on the empty bed with woe and remorse. has a good ending. Daisy smiling and fresh, somewhe breakfast hour, to open the he a about after a deb Youan, woman!" he ci

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