

the fact that if the Anytuses and Meletuses are after him their unpopularity-breeding phrases against a publicist of his standing must come to naught in the end. But for the temporarily unpopular man the world would have made but little advance, and though unpopularity may not be a paying game for the moment it is always a paying game in the end when honesty comes to be practised as the highest and best policy.

There is one phase of the discussions in connection with the above that we cannot but condemn, and that is the accusation, indirect as it may be claimed to be, that the reporter of the doings of the convention was anybody but the reporter himself duly accredited by the newspaper he represents. Dr. Kneeland's punishment at the hands of *The St. John's News* reporter is well deserved, and the fun it is likely to provoke whenever spoken of, may deter others from committing the offence—the gross impertinence we might say—of accusing any one of writing anything that appears in a public newspaper or periodical under the editor's authority. The impersonality of the press is one of the greatest literary safeguards of the times; and when a man, biassed by the wish, which is father to the thought, circulates the hurtful hint that so-and-so wrote such-and-such an article, for which the editor or reporter is alone responsible, he is guilty of an indiscretion, and when his accusation comes to be put in black and white, and is shown to be false, nothing but an apology from the offender should follow. We write thus emphatically on this subject, seeing we have received communications containing impertinences of the above nature—accusations against certain prominent educationists for writing editorials for us, which they could never possibly have seen unless after

the monthly issue of our journal had been printed.

The Royal Victoria College, Montreal, is expected to be opened soon, if arrangements can be completed for its organization during the visit of Lord Strathcona to Canada. The building, which stands on the north side of Sherbrooke street, with the statue of the Queen in front, is one of the most spacious in the city, and has been erected solely at the charge of Lord Strathcona, the generous Chancellor of McGill University, who intends also to endow it before the governors of the university assume control. The building will be exclusively set apart for the lady students of the Donalda Course, being supplied with suitable boarding apartments and spacious teaching halls, with all the latest improvements connected with home and college life. What the new organization will be it is impossible to say at this early date, but in all likelihood the college will be placed in the hands of a Dean, who will have charge of the institution, subject to the corporation, as are the other faculties. A staff of professors will be appointed to assist the professors of the Faculty of Arts in the various departments, but whether these new professors will be brought from Great Britain or be Canadian trained can only come up for serious consideration as soon as the intentions of the donor are made known. There is no doubt that the Royal Victoria is sure to become in time one of the best equipped and most efficient ladies' colleges on this side of the Atlantic, and we congratulate Montreal on the prospect.

The correspondence system of tuition has not found its way into Canada to the extent it has into other countries, and this is easily explained by the fact that our colleges have not