

of the annoyances caused by some of the insects there, felt thankful that they were inhabitants of Canada, and concluded that our own country shows its superiority over all tropical lands, especially in regard to comfort.

REV. MR. EATON'S LECTURE—On the evening of Friday, the 22nd of January, the monotony of college life was broken by a very pleasing and instructive lecture delivered by Rev. Chas. Eaton of Toronto. The event had been anticipated by the students, who turned out in full force. A large number of friends from the town also, notwithstanding the rather disagreeable weather, determined not to miss the treat, and came to hear the lecture. The subject of the address, "The Reign of the Common People," was treated by the genial pastor in a most instructive and entertaining manner. In opening the lecturer referred to the occasion of his last visit to Woodstock, when his hearers were convulsed with laughter from beginning to end. This time it was his intention to be solemn. In this he was to a certain extent successful, though occasionally he had to give way to the joviality of his nature, and vividly illustrated his points by very humorous anecdotes. He once regretted that he had not been born at a time when his services would have been required in military exploits, or when he would have had a chance to distinguish himself as a politician, but he encouraged the young men in the audience not to despair, for the greatest political questions of the day were yet to be settled. Among these, perhaps the greatest of all was the demand of the common people. The state in which affairs are at present—the rich ruling everything—cannot exist much longer; the voice of the laborer will have to be heard before the important questions of the day are settled. The people of to-day need to be educated. They should read the history of our own age, and thus keep abreast with the times. They should form opinions of their own, and should broaden their views concerning the burning questions of the day, and above all should be led to think of the vast eternity beyond this life. Have not many historical events proved that the laboring class must be recognized? The Reformation, the victory of Wilkes over Parliament, the repeal of the oppressive Corn Laws, discoveries and inventions, all show the importance of the middle class. The speaker finally declared that the secret of the poverty and discontent now existing was due to one thing, viz: waste. He spoke of the waste which takes place in the departmental stores of the Dominion. The loss of capital, manhood, energy and vigor on account of these stores was something enormous. Many a man, trying to earn an honest living, but unable to compete with the low prices of these merchant princes, has been compelled to close his doors, and become bankrupt. These stores monopolize all trade, and by so doing ruin the smaller merchants. It is easy to foresee that this condition of things cannot continue very long, and who knows but that some of the boys of Woodstock College will perpetuate his name forever by having a voice in their settlement. Concluding the lecturer pointed all to the star of hope, the one under whose influence all wrongs may be righted—the Christ of Nazareth. Let all men follow his teachings, and there remains no more to be done. The lecture was closed with the earnest prayer, "God save the People."