

J. W. L. Forster : Gold and Silver in Galena and Iron Pyrites, by R. Dewar ; Reforms in Time Reckoning, by Dr. Sandford Fleming ; and two papers by L. J. Clark on Lake Currents, and a consideration of Sewerage Schemes. Two College Addresses have come to me. One is by Dr. Sandford Fleming, the Chancellor of Queen's, on Parliamentary versus Party Government, to which, as a supplement to the Queen's College Journal, of Nov. 7th, is added a Political Problem, read by the same author at the meeting of the Royal Society. Dr. Fleming wants the minority to be represented in the Government as a matter of justice to the people, and a check on the immoral principle "to the victors the spoils." The Talker wishes the good Chancellor all success in his mission. The other College Address is by Sir William Dawson, on The Canadian Student, to whom in McGill he gives good literary, scientific and Christian advice. I don't know what university education, both east and west, is coming to. It used to make gentlemen and scholars. Now, it has run into specialties. The Dentists and the Vets are in—why not have special faculties of Sanitary Plumbing, Undertaking, Health Cooking and Economic Bookkeeping ? They tell of a hotel in the west that was in a sad way for a physician, when the lordly clerk looked up the Register, and found there the name of Joel Briggs, M.D.—Joel was called up for the patient, but said he was no doctor. He saw that every other man had a title, so he wasn't going to be behind hand, and, accordingly, put the initials of Mule Driver after his name. Get up a Tobacconists' faculty, with a Dean, and professors of Plug and Cut, Cigars and Snuff, to issue the degrees of M. F., *magister fumandi* !

Mr. Croil is still determined that I shall keep up my Danish, such as it is, for he sends me the *Nordisk Missionstidsskrift*, edited by Provost Vahl and Pastor Knudsen, and published at Copenhagen. It contains the biography of Hans Wied, a Scandinavian missionary, Sandegren on the old method of expediency of the Jesuit mission in Madura, Leresche on the Evangelical Missionary Society of Lausanne, and other articles of interest. The *Literary Digest*, of New York, for Nov. 21st, contains among other matter gleaned from many quarters, Principal Grant's paper on Current Unbelief, which appeared in this JOURNAL. The *Boston Herald*, of Nov. 30th, gives a full account of the perversion of the Rev. Dr. Spalding, of Christ Episcopal Church, Cambridge, to the Church of Rome. Originally a Congregationalist, he became an Anglican out of love for authority, and logically has found his place in a communion which will not allow "thinking and believing without restraint." The last number of the *Quarterly Register of Current History* is as useful and interesting as that noticed last month. The New York *Journal of Commerce*, a purely business paper, is evidently edited by an earnest Christian man, for it rarely omits an article on vital religion. The issue of Dec. 5th, has a leader on the Problem of the Book of Job. The worthy editor