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## Editorial Notes.

*THE attention of those whose subscriptions remain unpaid is called to the Treasurer's missive, in this issue. It is very desirable that all accounts should be settled before the end of the term.*

OUR Paris correspondent, Mr. Robert Balmer, contributes an interesting article to the *Nineteenth Century* for March, entitled "Whispering Machines." The talent which Mr. Balmer has displayed in this direction, since his graduation, fully justifies the judgment of the critics of his own university who two years since awarded him the prize for essay writing.

IN consequence of the Riel rebellion, and just as we are going to press, "K" Company, University Rifles, are parading in force with the regiment at the drill shed, to receive orders. Lieutenant Acheson is in command. Fifty-two men answered their names at roll-call. It is reported that the regiment will proceed to the North-West on Monday, via Ottawa, on the Canadian Pacific. Should an action take place with the rebels, there is no doubt that our gallant fellows will acquit themselves as bravely as did their predecessors in the engagement at Limeridge, in June, 1866.

THE Literary Society has good grounds for its vote of thanks to the retiring President, the Rev. Father Teefy. Entering office on a non-partizan ticket, he has kept himself free from any shadow of suspicion of undue favoritism. Of his careful attention to whatever concerned the welfare of the Society every member can speak heartily; his energetic co-operation in all the labours of the General Committee will long be remembered; he has carried out most thoroughly the intention announced in his first address, he has never allowed the "Roman collar to interfere with the university gown." Few presidents leave office as popular as they were on entering, but Mr. Teefy has certainly the good fortune to carry away with him a much greater popularity than the majority of his predecessors. We are only echoing the thoughts of everyone who has come in

contact with him in saying that our good wishes will long accompany him.

EVEN Columbia College is moving in the matter of providing for the higher education of women. With its endowment of nearly five million dollars, the revenue from which is not all used, it can well afford to do something, and it probably would have taken action years ago but for the influence of the High Church Episcopalians in its management. Dr. Barnard, the president of the faculty, has done more than any other person to advance the cause of woman's education in America. For more than ten years he has pleaded that cause with his own board of management, and the publication of his reports has done much to educate public opinion on this important question. Dr. Barnard is not an advocate of co-education as distinguished from separate education. What he wants is that women who desire the highest education the country affords shall have a chance to get it at no greater sacrifice of money or convenience than is required of men pursuing the same object. If this can be secured on the separate system so much the better; if it can be secured only by admitting women to universities along with men then he would admit them. The scheme at Columbia seems to be the establishment of an annex. That would be a distinct advance, and if under such a system women are supplied with educational facilities equal to those of men in the same institution they can have nothing to complain of. The expediency of establishing a separate course must be determined on other grounds, and perhaps Columbia College has money enough to make the experiment with success.

"I WOULD be wasting time on a fool," Dean Swift used to say, "if I were to attempt to reason a man out of a thing he was never reasoned into." Just such folly would it be to attack by argument the position of the editor of the *Queen's College Journal*, when that position was reached only by the defiance and abuse of all argument. If in the individual to whom we have referred, we are permitted to address sense and reason in even a small degree, we would ask him to give our statements a second reading, and then, in all honesty, ask himself if he has fairly met us, and whether his arguments, when he deals with Knox and the Torontos, and on which his apology for a refutation is based, are capable of holding water. Just as far, too, as his arguments recede from logical truth, is he astray in his estimate of the motives to which he attributes our article. It was in no spirit of braggadocio that it was written. Far from it. In a spirit rather that would demand recognition of the rule of courteous treatment and dealing fair and above-board between man and man, which it has always been the 'Varsity Club's good fortune to receive from opponents, and which opponents have always been accorded at its hands. A rule of conduct which the 'Varsity Club assisted in maintaining long before the Queen's College Club came into existence to infract it, and which it expects to share in maintaining when that somewhat notorious organization shall have ceased to be.

THE Provincial University of New Brunswick was recently a subject of discussion in the Legislative Assembly of that Province, and some very plain language was used by members on both sides of the house. It was asserted that the university does not meet the demands of public opinion,