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WHAT is to be put in this editorial column? There is no news since that Scotian Marmion braved "the lion in his den, the Douglas in his hall," and got such Highland cheer as tumbled him over into the moat. Whether the Douglas rides across the border to hunt English deer in Percy's preserves, or fights for king and country, he is a good soldier, and strikes a blow that makes stern dint on the iron pots that cover the cranium of the foe. Go in and win Douglas, and you shall eat your porridge—no matter where the oatmeal comes from—none daring to molest or make you afraid. But we don't meddle with politics unless they are far off. If we had time, we would settle the Eastern Question for our readers, but we haven't the time to spare just now. However, we may say this much,—perhaps the Russians will get Constantinople, and perhaps they won't. They want it, and

who blames them? Prussia wanted Silesia. She took it. Prussia wanted a slice of Austria. She took it. She then coveted a slice of France, and took it. England wanted Ireland. She took it. She wanted a part of North America, and she took a part of it. England wanted the fair provinces of Hindostan. She pitched those princes who didn't see things that way into the Ganges. Then she wanted to poison the Chinese with opium, and when the Chinese objected, she just tried the moral suasion of killing a few millions by a quicker process, and she gained her point. Austria wanted Poland, and she took a big slice, while Prussia and Russia came in for a share to keep the balance of power steady. Russia pounces on the key of Europe, just the first chance she gets, and England, unless she squares her politics by the Bible more than she used to do, would do the same thing if she dared.

— "Earth is sick,
And Heaven is weary of the hollow words
Which states and kingdoms utter when they speak
Of Truth and Justice."

Hitherto politics has been as frightened of the Bible as a perfumed dandy of a skunk. And in Nova Scotia dog eats dog with as much gusto as in Europe, only with infinitely more barking and less biting. No! we can't take time to solve the Eastern question now.

Graduates! Acadia stands; but the forest primeval is falling fast to keep the students from freezing. Meanwhile, the mathematical course is being worked up. Newton hides his diminished head in the shade of the apple-tree where he learnt the laws of Gravitation. Thus wags the world along.

To write the history of Oxford would require volumes. From what has been written much may be gleaned that cannot fail to interest in some degree the readers of the ATHENÆUM. It is proposed in this and a subsequent paper, omitting much that is deeply interesting, to give a short sketch of the different Colleges, which, together, constitute the famous University of Oxford. In doing so we must, in some degree, act the part of a compiler, culling from such sources, and in such degree as may be deemed advisable. That all here described, however, has