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WITH this number we close the first volume of the *Astrum Alberti*. It was with us an experiment, and we can say now after the issue of six numbers that we are gratified with the success that has attended our efforts. We do not wish to convey the idea that we have reached our ideal of perfection, but the expressions of sympathy which we have received encourage us, and the support furnished proves the right of the "Astrum" to exist. We have been able to pay all debts against us during the past six months and lay a small amount by for use, and so long as we are able to do this it is all we ask. We have long felt the need of something to bind the graduates of Old Albert to their *alma mater*, and believe, that so long as they are informed of her workings they will be loyal to her. From the interest already manifested in our journal we think that our belief is well founded and feel encouraged to continue our efforts to furnish the needed information. We were somewhat severely criticised for beginning so confidently, considering the fate of the last effort in this line "The Aurora," but we endeavored to place ourselves on a good financial basis at first, and trust to the assistance of

graduates for literary contributions. We think that our constituency is now large enough to support a good college journal, and expect that at the opening of next year to receive the co-operation of all old students.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

As the day for closing approached, the students began to have an anxious look and small groups could be seen at almost any time of the day discussing the likelihood of this or that one being plucked, or of this or that one leading his class. At last a small notice appeared which set the Matriculants' minds at rest and showed that all but three had been successful so far as to be admitted into the University, but the returns were incomplete and there still remained a possibility of being supplemented.

The Conversazione Committee commenced their decorations early, and before the closing exercises began, the buildings and grounds began to present a holiday appearance.

THE BACCALAUREATE.

On Sunday, June 17th, at 11 A.M., the Matriculants and Undergraduates and such of the Senators as were in the city, proceeded in academic costume to the M. E. Tabernacle, where the Rev. Wm. Blair, B.A., delivered the Baccalaureate sermon. He took for his text Matt. vi. 33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God." After a brief introductory, in which the benefit of prayer was set forth, the speaker said that the Saviour was preaching in the text he had read: 'twas well to listen to the Divine voice and hear his proclamation, "Seek ye," &c. The Saviour was a good preacher, earnest, faithful, kind, not afraid of college students or professors, and able to tell them the truth. He preached sharply, for instance—"Unless your righteousness exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees," &c., or "Woe unto ye Scribes," &c.; then again he said, "Come unto me ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

We have a threefold birth, natural, political and spiritual. The natural makes us members of the human family; the political makes us Canadians; the spiritual members of the house of faith. We are ushered into the world without our own consent, and when we arrive at the years of accountability we must choose. If a man does not like Canada and her institutions, he can cross the lakes. A man who is born a natural birth may say this is a poor world, and the dread of sin, sorrow or shame, may have a depressing effect upon him. Then all he has to do is to draw a razor across his throat and fling himself into the presence of his Maker. If a man doesn't want to stay where God put him, he can act otherwise; men will reap according to the sowing. Men in this world and in the next will have what they seek after principally. The world is full of seekers; they are found in boats, in the cars, in the towns and cities, in the schools and churches, and all pursue a real or fancied desire for good. Some persons seek wealth, some learning, but it is infinitely important to look to the Kingdom of God. The kingdoms of this world are hinged on diligent search and so is the kingdom of God. Some persons fix their gaze on the earth; others look up. A man who seeks things of the earth looks down, while he who seeks the kingdom of God looks up. God calls us from our ignoble search and beg us to seek a home above. To seek God's Kingdom is the best that we can secure; it is imperative and is the most important work we can engage in; it is a thing that should engage our attention the most; it is what he (the speaker) conceived, should be the highest wish of all. Religion should be the chief business of life and everything should be subordinate to it. We should seek the kingdom of God in time; in youth, for there is a special promise to those who seek God early, as He has said, "Seek me early, and ye shall find me." We should seek first the kingdom of God, because delays are dangerous, and we cannot tell what an hour may bring forth. We should seek first the kingdom of God because no young man knows what course in life he ought to pursue until he has given his heart to God.

The Annual Christian Re-union, held in the

College Chapel at 4 p. m., on Sunday was well attended. The services were led by Rev. T. W. McVety M. A., and a profitable meeting was enjoyed.

President Jaques, preached a scholarly sermon to the students in the evening from 2 Timothy III, 7. "Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

THE ALUMNI LECTURE.

Although the rain came down in torrents, there was a good attendance in the College Chapel on Monday evening, June 18th, to listen to the lecture delivered before the Alumni by Mr. A. L. Morden, of Napanee.

In opening, he said that he had chosen a subject upon which he had put considerable thought, as he had in former years been troubled with sceptical ideas, and he wished to give to those who either were, or would be similarly affected, the conclusions of one who had undertaken to think for himself.

On the 1st of October, 1859, while the lecturer was a student in Albert College, appeared Dr. Darwin's "Origin of Species," and a few years later his "Descent of Man." He gave the theories advanced in these, which conclude that all species are of blood relation, and that man is merely the highest in the scale. Dr. Darwin was a believer in Supreme power, and his belief was recognizable with theology. Later Darwinians were more advanced. Hæchel was far more ultra. Darwin gives no cause of life; he recognizes creation. Hæchel recognizes nothing but mechanism. The arrangement of the organs are explained by him in the same manner as earthquakes, winds and tides. There is no such thing as free will. Man stands in nature and not above it. It is always well to know what we are called upon to believe. Huxley has declared that evolution is no longer a theory but a fact. One thing is certain, that observation has given no evidence of it being a fact. It is the unwritten law of nature that one race must die in order that another may live. Natural selection is merely a happy phrase, which means nothing. The idea is a very pretty one in theory, but of no consequence in practice. We must not

make our decisions from suppositions, but in accordance with proof. History, observation and reason proclaim constancy of specific forms. By the possession of articulate speech, intelligence and reason, it is evident that man is entirely different from the brute, and stands alone.

At close of the lecture the Alumni Association met for business. A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of having an Alumni banquet in connection with the lecture in future.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Geo. F. Metzler, B. A.

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Secretary—W. P. Dyer, M. A.

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LADIES' EXHIBITION.

On the evening of Tuesday, June 19th, occurred the Annual Exhibition and Convocation, of Alexandra College. The programme was brilliantly executed, but for want of space cannot be given. Essays were read by Misses Walker, Boyce, Sutherland, and Bannister, which reflected much credit upon their ability, both in preparation and delivery. Miss F. Cummings gave a recitation in good style. The music furnished by the students of the second and third years, speaks well for the training of Prof. Stannistreet, and of the ability of the young ladies.

Diplomas in Music were conferred upon Misses Alice Cummings, Adelaide Cruickshanks, Gertrude Vrooman, Kate Curts, Nettie French, Genevieve Abercrombie, Alma Embury, Maggie Conger, and Minnie Scott.

The following young ladies received first class Honor Certificates:—

Second Year,—Misses Powers, Casselman, Sharpe, Huntly, Reed, and Alvord.

First Year,—Misses Beckstead, Taber, Sills, Campbell, Walker, Farrell, Stacy, and Jones. Miss Powers received the Professor's Prize in Harmony for the second year.

After the entertainment, a short social was given of which every advantage was taken, as the time

was drawing nigh when kind hearts must say good-by.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

On Wednesday, June 20th, at 3 p. m. in the M. E. Tabernacle, the Seventeenth Convocation of Albert University, was held. The Matriculants and Undergraduates formed in procession on the College grounds, and marched down to the church to the tune of "Old Grimes," jubilant as they generally are on such occasions. The Students took seats in the body of the church, while on the platform were the Board of Management of the College, Senators of the University, the Professors of the College, Mr. G. W. Ross, M. P. for West Middlesex, Alex. Robertson, M. P. of West Hastings, Wm. Johnson, Chairman of the City School Board, Dr. Hope, Sheriff, E. D. O'Flynn, Warden, John Johnson, School Inspector, Rev'ds' Wm. Blair, B. A., C. G. Adams, B. A., W. J. Maybee, M. A., F. B. Stratton, J. S. Bell, E. N. Baker, M. A., T. W. McVety, M. A., Prof. Warner of Alma College, St. Thomas, and others.

After Convocation was formally opened, the Chancellor, Bishop Carman, led in prayer.

The following Matriculants were then presented to the Chancellor and admitted to the University:—W. H. Metzler, N. L. Massey, N. N. Patterson, J. O'Shea, W. H. Campbell, Miss E. A. Martin, C. N. Mallory, G. H. Knight, F. B. Hagerman, G. G. Thrasher, W. D. T. Ferguson, C. H. Winter, Miss A. M. Lane, A. E. Foster, M. Wright.

In addressing the Matriculants, the Chancellor said, that he thought it profitable to review the obligations just taken. They had just been admitted to the University, and the first obligation they were required to take was due respect to University authority. Respect and obedience is essential to good government. They were obligated to defend the educational, civil and moral standing of this University, and to use the privileges granted, to the best advantage. To defend the British throne and British authority, is the duty of every British subject, so it is their duty to defend the rights and government of their University.

The Matriculant prizemen were presented by Sheriff Hope: W. H. Metzler, the Senate prize—

proficiency; N. N. Patterson, the Holden prize—in English.

The Theses for the B.A. degree were as follows: J. H. Packham, Mathematical Science; A. R. Carman, Evolution; L. E. M. Pomeroy, Milton; Wm. Johnston, Agnosticism; W. P. Ferguson, The Augustan Age. Of these only two were delivered for want of time.

The following degrees were then conferred:

B.A.—Wilbert Perry Ferguson, Albert Richardson Carman, James Henry Packham, Luke Ernest McClellan Pomeroy, William Johnston.

M.A.—R. I. Warner, B.A., clk.; F. W. Merchant, B.A.; G. F. Metzler, B.A.; C. G. Adams, B.A., clk.

L.L.B.—G. W. Ross, M.P.

B.D.—C. G. Demming, M.A., clk.

MEDALLISTS—Mathematics, Gold Medal—J. H. Packham; Natural Science, Gold Medal—A. R. Carman; Classics, Gold Medal, "Harry Nichol Memorial"—W. P. Ferguson.

Undergraduate Prizemen.

JUNIOR FRESHMEN—Proficiency—J. A. Macdonald; President's Prize in Classics—J. A. Macdonald; Professor's Prize in Chemistry—T. O'Donoghue.

SENIOR FRESHMEN—Proficiency—J. H. Sanderson; Gould Prize in Mathematics—J. H. Sanderson; Bell Prize in Science—J. T. Lillie.

In closing, the Chancellor said: Every step in advance increases our obligations. Here we have a society with mutual bonds. These students are bound to maintain the standing of the degrees. The Senate must guard against all outside intrusion. It is gratifying to notice that as we grow in years we grow in efficiency. We can look forward to greater appreciation. If the work done is meritorious, and is appreciated, it is all we can ask. Let us have thorough work.

CONVERSAZIONE.

The Conversazione on Wednesday evening, in the College grounds and buildings, was a brilliant affair. At eight o'clock the Chapel was filled with ladies and gentlemen, representing the best classes of society, while the beauty and fashion of the city predominated. Rev. Dr. Badgley occupied

the chair, and beside him were Messrs. S. S. Lazier, H. McKinnon, G. W. Ross, M.P., E. D. O'Flynn, and S. B. Burdett, LL.D. In opening, the chairman made a short address upon the standing of the University, and the benefits of a university education, which was deservedly appreciated. The committee of arrangements were disappointed by the failure of J. W. Bengough to fulfil his agreement to take part in the entertainment, but his place was amply filled by Mr. G. W. Ross, who made an excellent address. The singing of Misses Caverly and Embury, was highly appreciated; as was also the violin solo by Miss Smith. At the close of the entertainment, numbers repaired to the refreshment rooms, others visited the museum and other rooms of the College, and not a few preferred the moonlight and the music of the Oddfellows' Band. Thus the time was spent till midnight, when a last good-bye was said, and another college year was ended.

Contributed.

TELLING THE TRUTH.

W. CLARK.

That truthfulness is a virtue, that it is right, and in accordance with the will of God, every one will admit. We all believe it to be every man's duty to speak out honestly and plainly what he believes to be true, and that it is decidedly wrong, to utter the language of falsehood and deception. If there be not in every heart the love of truth, there is at least, a desire to appear and be considered truthful; for, of all insults the most unbearable is to have the lie directly given to any statement that we have made. And yet with all this love of reputation for truthfulness, and the dislike of anything which seems like a reflection upon our veracity, there is in society, in various forms, much untruthfulness. However admirable in itself, truth may be, still the immediate result of a truthful word or act may be anything but pleasant. On the other hand, an untruth often procures for the moment, deliverance from some evil, or the immediate possession of something desirable. We ought to have faith in the ultimate blessedness of the truth; but observation and experience teach us that all men have not yet attained unto this faith. There is a very general belief in the expediency of lying. Some people seem to believe that lying will release them from difficulties, will enable them to get along better, and even make them rich.

They have long since come to the conclusion that for this world at least, "honesty is *not* the best policy."

Falshoods may be uttered, or wrong and misleading impressions made in very many ways. For instance, you urge people to visit you, who, you hope in your heart will never come; and if they do you pretend to be highly pleased, when in fact you are inwardly annoyed. You smile and chat pleasantly, to amuse and entertain your visitors, and when they rise to go urge them to stay for tea, but feel greatly relieved when they decline to accept your invitation. Deception is often practiced by merely *holding back* the truth, especially in business transactions. Or we may act a lie; for example, by our dress—making people believe we are more wealthy than is really the case: just as we falsely plead poverty at the sight of a subscription list.

There are people who by their talk and gushing expressions would have us believe they are highly educated, and that what they do not know is scarcely worth knowing, while their heads may be as empty as a bell without its clapper; and we have seen some with the clapper attached. Now, there can be nothing wrong in adhering to the motto, "put the best on the outside," but would it not be poor policy for a shopkeeper to place his entire stock in the front window. We should always aim to appear at the very best advantage, but never to seem what we are not; nor does it pay, for most people have sharp eyes and keen perceptions, and can easily distinguish between gold and gilt. In society, and in our dealings with each other, "truth" should be stamped on all our words and actions. Some people run to the opposite extreme—they are rude in action and plain in speech when there is no necessity for it. We all know there are times when the truth is far better kept than made known; but these extremists take pride in the rudeness of their manners, the uncouthness of their dress, and the plainness of their speech. The *poor policy* is that they will insult you upon the slightest pretext, and speak in a rough and most unkind manner. But let it be remembered that bluntness is not candour, and bad manners are no evidence of a man's honesty.

We by nature possess a base spirit, which often suppresses the truth when conscience says, "Speak out and be a man." On account of this spirit, people in all grades of society are tempted to act the part of the dissembler. Christian men and women, especially, who aim to be honest and straightforward, engage almost daily in the struggle which "telling the truth" so often renders necessary, and many realize that to always speak and act

the truth is one of the severest tests of Christian character.

Long since it was said, "A fool and his money are soon parted," and in these days of trickery and deception it requires a man with a wise and level head to get the worth of his money every time he makes a bargain. Some men boldly maintain that to tell the truth in business matters would be the highway to ruin. We admit that it would be the ruin of all dishonest trades and practices, but it would build up and strengthen the honest and upright. If you wish to sell or trade a horse, and that horse is "breechy," you should not hesitate to explain why you keep him tied up in the stable when not at work; or if he be past the prime of life, why you feed him on boiled grain; or if he is "balky," say plainly that at times the animal needs a little extra persuasion. All this is not easy to do. Some one has said; "If a preacher can put up mismatched stovepipes without swearing, he is well seasoned;" so we think that a man who can get rid of a horse or an old watch without using a little deception deserves our praise and respect.

Adhering to the truth is honorable, and if it demands some sacrifice let us not shrink or complain. We admit that it may be very inconvenient at times, but we should bear with that inconvenience; and it may often be a loss, but we should willingly endure that loss. For the sake of truth men have suffered every kind of hardship. The noble martyrs of the past cheerfully bore the loss of all things, and sealed their testimony with their own blood; and however unwilling we would be to imitate their example, we feel they acted wisely and well. Their names, crowned with glory and honor, are handed down from generation to generation, and their memory will never die.

Oxford University authorities are thinking of abolishing the wearing of gowns on the streets.—*Badger.*

Boston University has lately established sixty-four scholarships of \$100 each, in the College of Liberal Arts, to be awarded to meritorious students, and to be divided equally between the young women and the young men.—*Roanoke Collegian.*

Harvard has about sixteen hundred students. Ann Arbor comes next with fifteen hundred and thirty-four.

Ohio has the same number of universities as France and Germany together.

Women are now admitted to the Universities of Germany.

Thirty per cent. of the students of Colleges are sceptics—says the Dartmouth.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS.

The names are placed in the order of merit.

MATRICULATION.

LATIN.—Wright, O'Shea, Metzler, Massey and Patterson, equal, Knight, Hagerman, Campbell, Mallory, Lane, Winter, Ferguson.

LATIN PROSE AND GRAMMAR.—O'Shea, Metzler, Ferguson, Lane, Wright and Massey, equal, Patterson, Hagerman, Martin, Campbell, Foster, Mallory and Winter, equal, Thrasher.

GREEK.—Metzler, Patterson, Massey, Campbell, Hagerman and Thrasher, equal; Mallory, Knight, Winter.

FRENCH.—O'Shea, Ferguson, Wright, Martin, Lane, Foster.

MATHEMATICS.—Metzler, Massey, O'Shea, Patterson, Campbell, Mallory, Martin, Knight, Winter, Thrasher, Lane and Hagerman equal; Foster and Ferguson equal; Wright.

ENGLISH.—Patterson, Metzler, Martin, Massey, O'Shea, Mallory, Campbell, Ferguson, Hagerman, Thrasher, Winter, Foster, Lane, Knight.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY.—Patterson, Metzler, Martin, Massey, Campbell, O'Shea and Mallory equal; Thrasher, Knight, Foster, Ferguson, Hagerman, Winter, Lane, Wright.

JUNIOR FRESHMEN.

Algebra.—J. A. McDonald, H. W. Kennedy, Miss N. French, T. K. Donoghue.

Geometry.—Kennedy, Donoghue, McDonald, French.

Trigonometry.—McDonald, Kennedy, French, Donoghue.

Latin.—McDonald and Campbell equal; Donoghue, Kennedy, French.

Latin Prose and Grammar.—Kennedy, McDonald, Donoghue and Campbell equal.

Greek.—McDonald, French, Campbell, Kennedy.

Greek Prose and Grammar.—McDonald and Donoghue equal; Kennedy, French, Campbell.

Earle.—Kennedy, McDonald, Donoghue.

English Literature.—Kennedy, McDonald, French.

French.—McDonald, French, Kennedy, Campbell.

Bain.—French, Donoghue, McDonald, Kennedy, Campbell.

Paley.—Donoghue, Kennedy, McDonald.

Chemistry.—Donoghue, McDonald, French, Kennedy.

Hebrew and Bible History.—Donoghue.

SENIOR FRESHMEN.

Statics.—J. H. Sanderson, J. E. Connor, J. C. Ferguson, J. T. Lillie.

Trigonometry and Hydrostatics.—Sanderson, Ferguson and Lillie equal; Connor.

Latin.—Lillie, Ferguson, Sanderson, Connor.

Latin Prose and Grammar.—Ferguson and Lillie equal; Sanderson, Connor.

Greek.—Lillie, Ferguson, Sanderson.

Greek Prose.—Lillie, Ferguson, Sanderson.
Ethics and Evidences.—Lillie and Sanderson equal; Ferguson, Connor.

Logic.—Sanderson, Connor, Lillie, Ferguson.

Zoology.—Lillie, Sanderson, Ferguson, Connor.

Botany.—Sanderson, Lillie, Connor, Ferguson.

JUNIOR SOPHISTERS.

German.—J. R. Street, T. F. Holgate.

English.—Street, Holgate.

Civil Polity.—Street, Holgate.

History.—Holgate, Street.

Ethnology.—Holgate, Street.

Geology.—Holgate, Street.

HONOR LIST.

MATRICULANTS.

FIRST CLASS.

Mathematics.—W. H. Metzler, N. L. Massey.

English, History and Geography.—N. N. Patterson, W. H. Metzler, Miss E. A. Martin.

SECOND CLASS.

English, History and Geography.—C. N. Mallory.

UNDER GRADUATES

FIRST CLASS.

Mathematics.—J. H. Packham, Sen. Soph., T. F. Holgate, Jun. Soph.

Classics.—W. P. Ferguson, Sen. Soph., J. T. Lillie, Sen. Fresh., J. C. Ferguson, Sen. Fresh.

Modern Languages.—J. R. Street, Jun. Soph.; J. E. Connor, Sen. Fresh.

Natural Science.—A. R. Carman, Sen. Soph.; J. H. Sanderson, Sen. Fresh.

NOTES.

We regret to announce that Prof. Barnister has decided to sever his relations with the College at the close of the year. He has been connected with the Institution for upwards of ten years, and his services have always been highly appreciated. He goes to Brockville to establish a Commercial School.

In taking a farewell of our exchanges for the long vacation, we must say that we are grateful for the treatment we have received from them, and trust that friendly relations may continue between us. It is our intention to open up a more intimate communication with them at the beginning of next year, and so benefit by the experience of each other.

The inspection of the 15th Battalion took place on Friday, June 15th. The College Company took a leading position, and won the admiration of both the officers of the Battalion and the citizens of the town. We were complimented as having the finest looking officers and best trained men in the whole force.

We were very much pleased to see so many of the old students return to enjoy the pleasures of Convocation week. If our Graduates could make it a point to gather once a year to do honor to their *Alma Mater*, her influence would be felt more and more through each year.

The year just closed has been marked by hard work and honest competition for first place. Very little of what is called "bumming" has been indulged in, and as a rule the result of examinations will tell the tale.

The subscription of the ASTRUM has been reduced to fifty cents a year, which we think will meet with the approval of our readers. The former rate was merely nominal, and we find that by receiving subscriptions in advance we can very well pay our way, and that is all we ask.

You have been receiving this paper for six months. If you appreciate our work, send us fifty cents; if not, we will bear no hard feelings toward you, and merely accept the reward of conscience in having done a charitable deed. If we continue to send you the paper without your consent, do not be alarmed, we will ask no one to pay for it against his will. Our Secretary, Mr. Lillie, will be in the city through the vacation, and will make prompt reply to all correspondence. Those who have paid subscriptions at the rate of \$1 per year will be credited with payment till June, 1884

Our visitors during Convocation week :—Rev. Wm. Blair, B.A., Farmersville; Prof. R. I. Warner, B.A., St. Thomas; Rev. C. G. Adams, B.A., Hamilton; J. Burdett, B.A., Toronto; M. I. Magill, B.A., Toledo; G. S. Wattam, B.A., Wanpoor; J. Z. Wild, M.D., Toronto; W. J. Maybee, M.A., Colborne; E. N. Baker, M.A., Madoc; Rev. T. W. Pickett, Picton; A. L. Morden, Napanee; P. M. White, B.A., Dallas, Texas; G. W. Ross, M.P., West Middlesex; C. M. Gould, M.D., Colborne; E. D. O'Flynn, Madoc; Rev. F. B. Stratton, Ssirling; Rev. J. Curts, Colborne; Rev. A. Martin, Norham; Rev. J. A. Campbell, Frankford; Rev. S. Card, Napanee; Rev. E. E. Howard, Trenton.

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

The University of Wisconsin has five debating societies. Sixty-five per cent. of the ladies, are members, while only fifty per cent. of the men are members.

To be admitted into a German university, it is necessary o have completed a College course.

The higher education of women is not being overlooked in Manitoba. News comes from Brandon that a Ladies' College is to be established there. The location is to be on the Johnston estate, and is a very healthy and pleasant one.

Our friends will be glad to learn that Prof. Gregg is writing a History of Presbyterianism in Canada. The work will consist of two octavo volumes of about 450 pages each. The Prof. intends to have the first volume ready for the press by next October.

There are 7,060 American students in German institutions.

Brazil has fifty-five colleges and scientific schools.—*Ev.*

Oxford has never been very great in the mathematical line, but it seems to be in a worse plight than ever just now—Five Colleges (University, Morton, Exeter, New and Corpus) held a combined examination at the beginning of the term for Mathematical Scholarships; but the candidates were so deficient both in quantity and quality, that only Corpus was able to make an election at all.—*Truth.*

A statue of Robert Burns is to be erected on the Victoria embankment, in London, by Mr. Crawford, a retired Glasgow merchant. The work will be entrusted to Sir John Steel, the sculptor of the Burns statues recently erected in Dundee and New York. The London effigy of the Scottish poet will be of bronze, the pedestal being of polished granite. The entire monument will stand sixteen feet high.—*Notre Dame Scholastic.*

ITEMS.

Adversity is sometimes hard on a man; but for one man who can stand prosperity, there are a hundred that will stand adversity.—*Carlyle.*

As we advance in life, we learn the limits of our abilities.—*Froude.*

Professor to sleepy student—"If you wish I will send out for a bed." Sleepy student, with great *sang froid*—"Don't go to that trouble, sir, I have a *crib* with me."

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