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# EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY POLITICS AND EVENTS. 

## THE ABOLITION OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

The question of the abolition of scholarships and prizes was discussed at the first meeting this year of the Debating Society. The subject possesses uncommon interest at present, as the abolitionists are admitted on all hands to be gaining rapidly in number and influence. Evidence of this fact was liberally supplied at the assemblage in Moss Hall, to which we have referred. The unusually-large attendance and the thoroughgoing way in Which the opposing sides sifted the respective contentions, drew forth unqualified words of satisfaction from the President. The ordinary recapitulation of the arguments was omitted as superfluous, on account, as he stated, of the clearness with which they had been exhibited during the course of the debate. Mr. Houston, who is not liable to praise unduly, declared that, so $f_{a r}$ as he could recollect, a better conducted debate had not taken place in the society. By those who have had experience of the last two years' meetings, these high compliments will he appreciated with the zest which only previous suffering can impart.

The decision given in favor of the proposed innovation was $f_{0} l_{0}$ owed by what seemed to be unanimous applause. Few of those who attended the meeting will hesitate to infer that, so far ss the Society is an exponent of undergraduate opinion, the conservative party in the matter of scholarships is a small minority. The plea that minorities sometimes more than make up for want of numerical, by an abundance of intellectual strength, is ren$d_{\text {debed }}$ groundless in this case by the most remarkable feature of the debate; we allude to the avowed abolitionist views of three scholar${ }^{\text {ship }}$ men, whilst only one such man gave dignity to the weaker side. Mr. Squar even went the length of condemning scholarships altogether, on the ground that they were productive of much Anti-social feeling. A more convincing test of how largely the reform aspect of the question is the prevalent aspect could not inasonably be desired. When individuals testify against an institution, the benefits of which they enjoy, or have enjoyed, ested verdict as a rule goes in the direction of this most disinter-

- testimony.

There are reasons for hoping that the graduate and undergraduate majorities are in substantial accord on this topic. It will, in all probability, come up for discussion at the next meeting of Convocation; and it may be expected that attention will ${ }^{b_{\theta}}$ dipirected to the stand taken by the present winners of scholarnire the The advocates of reform, however, will doubtless recogconsiderations. The endowment fund is not vast enough to spare the reservation of $\$ 5,000$, because it is deplorably insufficient for vore pressing requirements. Before indulging in the luxury of gorgeous prizes, the proper equipment of the Provincial University hould be secured. The library, according to the statement of Mr. Ve secured. The library, according to the statement of
Yearg Years behind the times ;" no additions to speak of have been
Fade to the museum for the last ten
ance on lectures at University College is far in excess of the accommodation ; there is no Chair of Civil Polity and Political Economy, a chair which would be of greater general service than those of Classics and Metaphysics; the salary of a professor here is much too low to attract teachers of eminence; and there has not been the ghost of an attempt to establish a system of tutorial aid. These are the furnishments of a university which are necessary to substantiate its claim to the front rank, and scholarships from this point of view are not necessary. The President expressed the hope that the day would soon arrive when the endowment would be so rich as to provide for the needs of the University and for scholarships as well. We also earnestly hope to see the day. In the meantime it is inexpedient to play the spendthrift by sinking outlays in what is not primarily needful.

## PAINE AND VOLTAIRE.

"We read that when panegyrics on Paetus Thrasea and Priscus Helvidius were written by Arulenus Rusticus and HerenniusSenecio, these authors sufferel the extreme penalty of tho law, and the fury of the despot broke out not only against them but even against their works, and these monuments of the loftiest genias were publicly burnt in the forum. It. was even thought that in that fire were consumed the voice of the Roman people, the freedom of the Senate, and the moral sense of mankind, and that, with the binishment of philosophy and the arts, nothing liberal would remain. Former ages had seen almost unlicensed liberty; we, deprived by inquisitorial interterence, of freelom in exchange of words and thoughts, siaw the depths of slavery. With freedom of speech memory itselt would also have perished had it been in our power to forget as well as to be silent."

Thus, with a few graphic strokes Tacirus gives us a dark picture of the influence on literature and the a.ts of the desputism of a Roman Emperor, showing his appreciation of the paramount importance of literty of discussion by deploring its death under the olious Domirtian, and hailing with unfeigned satisfinftion its resurrection with the dawn of the brighter era of Nerva. That the spirit and true gist of this sarred and inviolable prinei le (so thoroughly grasped by the Roman historian) should at this late day ugain demand vindication, seemed almost improbable. Re-argument, however, is appa ently necessary. The seizure of the works of Pane and Voltaire at the Toronto Custom Honse has evoked the old issne, unfortunately, however, in a shape that ubscures the underlying principle. As a consequance tha discussion in the pulpit and pablic press has been obscured by the introduction of much that is whilly irrelevant; but benasth the conflisting and uncertain currents of political animosities, there may be discerned the deeper and steadier current of public censure, arousel by that assumption of the superiority over the people of the Govermment and its unauthorized and offensive interference with the practical life of the masses, that give the act the distasteful air of a Star Chamber decree. Apart from this, the ludicrous and unnatural union in one individual of the functions of Collector of Custums and Censor of Letters, increases the general feeling that an authority, inquisiturial at the best, has been unwisely exercised.

The argumonts in favor of the utmost possible liberty of discussion, consonant with the maintenance of law and order, are so conclusive th it to reiterate them ser ms almost a waste of space; the great and acknowledged difficulty liss in the application of the general principles. Contested cases should, it is clear, as far as perssible be dealt with before the acknowledged tribunals of haw. It may be, and it probably is, in tccordance wich the pubtic weal, that the Government should be empowered to seize certain publications of a trashy and offensive: character; that authority, however, should be exercised as rarely and as cautiously
as possible, and $s^{\text {lould }}$ be watched with the utmost vigilance. But when the works of renowned nuthors are arbitrarily confiscated by a practically irresponsible officer, who prima facie does not bestow on the case the careful and arduous investivation the subject demands, and pronounces a final judgment without the indispensable adjuncts of a court of law, it can safely be assumed that the inquisitorial duty has been iujudiciously and thoughtlessly performed.

To enforce this point it is not necess:ry to bestow indiscriminate praise on Paine or Volitarre, which would be as erroneous and uncalled for as indiscriminate censure. The works of both undoubtedly are in parts, "indecent and blasphemons," as also are the works of many better men; but it would be grossly unfair to apply that term to their works as a whole, or even to the books in question. Granted, however, that they are such, experience clearly shows that their martyrdom results only in an intensified influence for evil. How shortsighted, then, is that policy which brings about the very effects it seeks to destroy ; Voltarre, however great his faults, was a true friend of liberty, at a time when to love liberty was a crime; a writer at once charming and vigorous, and a bold and original thinker. Paine was no less a friend of liberty than Volialie.. It is to be regretted, for his owa sake, that his blatant attacks on Christianity were ever written. But the man who sat with Siryes and Condoreet on the Constitutional Committeo of 1792 , and who admittedly strongly influenced events which led to the Anerican Revolution, can hardly be deemed devoid of individuality and genius. It is unjust, then, to condemn these authors by the light of isolated excerpts; it is as useless and impolitic to place them under a ban, as it is the height of folly to entrust the Censorship of Letters to mere administrative functionaries. Let us not forget that there is a trace of divinity even in the vices of genius-that genius which cannot be expected to conform itsrlf to the arbitrary criterion of a Customs officer; it is its very nature to have faults and irregularities that at times are even repellant. As Erskine says, "It breaks from the fetters of criticism, but its wanderings are sanctionel by its majesty. Subject it to the critic (and a forticri the Customs officer), and you tame it into dulness. Tempests occasionally shake our dwellings and dissipate our commerce, but they scourge before them the lazy elements, whici, without them, would stagnate into pestilence."

Should not this seizure meet with the strong public condemnation it deserves, it will stand as a precedent for acts that may furnish material alternately to the reactionist and the demagogue. In time we might expect a revision of our University curriculum, and a qualifying examination of the professors of University Collage by a Committee of Public Morality on the one hand; or on the other, socialistic demands for the abolition ol all religion whatever. The true method of nullifying the effects of dangerous teachings is to be found in the mental and moral education of the people. It alone can guard the masses of our population from the diffusion amongst them of wild theories, licentions tendencies, and infidel doctrines. Our system of law and moradity, and the Christianity on which they are largely founded, ought not thus timorously dread the "whiffe of every now pamphlet." To use the words of Mirron: "A Stite governed by rules of justice and forcitude, or a Church built and founded upon the rock of tiaith and true knowledye,
ought not to be so pusillanimous." Nor ought we to foryet the preyought not to be so pusillanimous." Nor ought we to foryet the preg-
nant lessons taught by the effects of persecntion at early periols of history, ""The punishing of wits enhunc stheir authority,", staith the Viscount St. Albans, "and a forbidden writing is thruyflit to be a certain sparth of truth that fies up in the faces of them who seek to treicd it out."

## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES.

If Sir John Lubbock is right when he says that "the true test of the civilization of a nation must be measured by its progress in science," the world certainly has at no time had stronger reasons for solf-congratulation. The number of associations, sciencitic and other, that have net at varions places in England and on the Continent during the past year is remarkable. The International Medical Congress, the British Association, the International Congress of Orientalists at Berlin, the Archeological Association, the International Geographical Congress at Venice, the Social Science Congruss, and the International Literary Association at Vienint, have given an impetus to learning, and widenied its interest to an extent that must not be measured merely by the superficial or apparent effects. Indeed, it is in this extension of interest beyond the circle of the savants that the peculiar virtue of these meatings lies. True, new data are enounced, new theories are educed, but, as a rule, these have been pre-disseminated annongst scholars. But, by popularizing them and bringing them before an interested, and therefore supporting, public ; by creating that justifiable curiosity which Bacon tells us is the seed of knowledge, these international congresses promote the advancement of science. Of course, no actual research is actually
performed; there is rather a revision and comparison of facts. The fiftieth meeting of the British Association at York exemplifies this, and it was quite pardonable that hard workers should take a short breathing spell and look back with pride at the wonderful tract covered in the sace of half a century, and confidently anticipate even greater results in the future.

One characteristic of these meetings is striking, viz., their eminently practical nature. The "capability of endless applications" seems to be the criterion of a "genuine theory." Look, for instance, at Dp. Siemens' remarks on Electric Energy; he tells how he ripens peas, raspherries, strawberries, \&c., in February or March; saws timber, pumps water, slices roots, and does various other kinds of labor by means of one electric engine, and goes on to calculate even the cost. In every department the useful is aimed at: the use of electricity in farming, the canal through the Isthmus of Corinth, the forceasting of tides in the Indian ports, copyright, the commercial importance of Hudson's Bay, the location of a common prime meridian, the favorite color of bees, afford examples. In referencs to the last, Sir John Lubbock oxplained an interesting experiment he had made to prove the predilection of bees for blue. That proofs of this fict were to be found in niture, however, was not mentioned. In certwin parts of India, for instance, in years when the blue flowering plant Indigofera blooms extruordinarily abundantly, the honey has a peculiar flavor characteristic of the flower. The labors of one or two of the committees may at first sight seem valueless, as, fur in itance, those of the Anthropometric Committee, but indirectly they are of great service. If, for example, the;; were directed to the investigation of the ratios of the transverse an I antero-posterior diameters of the human pelvis, proofs in support of the doctrine of evolution, based on ethnological differences, might, we think,
strengthened strengthened.

A growingly unprejudiced search for causes, too, carried to its minutest details, with a just incredulity of hasty conclusions, leading to the overturning of many old, erroneous views, was never so apyarent, nutably in the Principles of Medicine. Why could not Canada inaugu rate sompthing of this kind, if not on a large scale, at all events on ${ }^{\text {a }}$ small, beginning say with interprovincial or even intermunicipal Cungresses? There is ample material. If Cana lians cannot discover thiry nine inummies, yet surely there are Indian relics in abundance to occupy the time of an association of Uccidentalists; if they cann tu unear th " ${ }^{\text {" }}$ Viking (Inlley, there is more than enuugh to compensate in thos branchos of Anthropology in which the learned President of Univerjity College has won fame. With proper encouragement we might soon pro
duce a Schliemans or an Orreberd duce a Schliemann or an Otrfreid Muller; and what heetter could that encouragement have than our Provincial University?

The Government has taken upon itself the formidable task of confiscating, through the Custom House, books which aI五 assumed to be "indecent" and "blasphemous." To proscribe blasphemous books is to assume the right to say what religious opinions people may and may not believe. Tolerance is a moder it virtue, but intolerance is too old, and the world's experience of ${ }^{i t}$ is too bitter to allow of its successful revival. The definition ${ }^{0}$ blasphemy sometimes obtains an alarming extension. There the
writers in Quebec who think it blasphemy to criticize the writers in Quebec who think it blasphemy to criticize
Syllabus; they call it blaspheming against the Syllabus. Syllabus ; they call it blaspheming against the Syllabus. prohibited books the world has had a sad and bloody experien but wherever prohibition has been attempted, whether at Rom
$M$ Madrid, Paris, in New Spain or Old Spain, an Index or list to prohibited books has always been necessary. We too, if we are thister of enter into a crusade against heresy, must transform the Minister an Customs into Inquisitor-General, and every collector into of inquisitor. And even then we cannot trust to the wisdom ${ }^{\text {d }}$ these functionaries to pronounce off-hand on the heresy of a $\mathrm{b}^{\text {boos }}$ not in the Index. Already the Minister of Justice has recelb nubl intimations from Toronto pulpits that he can have any nulu 1881 . of inquisitors for the asking. And this in the year of grace duty, The Collector, poor man, seems to have acted on a sense of under what he conceived to be the requirements of the la need not much be blamed for over-zeal. In diplomatic lan instructions; but he, perhaps, thought he needed no instructions with the law before him.

The Colloge Recorl says that the man who draws no books from the library has no character; or if he has, it is not worth mentioning. We will venture to make another assertion in regard to the reading of books, and it is this: that the man who does nothing but read books is sure to have no character of his ${ }^{0} \mathrm{wn}$, while there is a possibility that the man who never draws a book from the libary may tum , me a snceessful promoter of human enterpises. When you find a man whose mental pabulum is wholly derived from books, you may be sure he is not one who will set the word on fire. He confesses at once a want of intellectual vigor, and a slavish dependence on others for his ideas and his opinions. On the other hand, the book-hater may be cither the illiterate and ignorant clochopper, or he may possess independence of thought and a love of action, a man who is likely to have a character of his own. Originality in thought and ideas is what keeps the world progressing. The book worm is a parasite who camot thrive when put on its own resources.

The President of the Debating Society holds in esteem the regulation which defines the limit of time allowed to dehaters. At the first meeting the tap of the mallet prevented two or three of the speakers from forgetting that there is an end to all things. These official reminders contributed, among other things, to the success of the debate. No better means than this rule could be devised to discourage elaborately-prepared harangues, and to bring about that crisp and condensed style which should characterize discussion of any kind. The speaker whose exuberance Ineets with a salutary check of this sort very likely determines to be more bricf and snappy on the next occasion, and the consequent benefit to himself and his hearers-the latter especially Would he hard to overrate. Lord Beaconsfield's account of the Oratory of Mr. Gladstone as that of a man "intoxicatel with his $0^{\text {own }}$ verbosity," if put in more epigrammatic shape, might be aptly blazoned on the walls of every hall set apart for public speaking.

To the mother of our Vice-Chancellor the thanks of the $U_{\text {niversity }}$ are due for the handsome endowment of a classic scholarship. That such endowments are few in number is to be regretted. The late Vice-Chancellor Moss and others have more than once pointed out that by gifts alone can the University hope to be set upon a sound financial basis, and cease to be an ${ }^{a} n_{n u a l}$ drain upon the Treasury of the Ontario Legislature, against which yearly expenditure complaints are everyday exAmations of the other colleges of this Province. Compared with American and even with our sister Canadian Universities, we are in this respect poorly off. Energetic Montreal citizens are about $t_{0}$ collect one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for McGill, While Princeton has received for years more than one thousand dollars a day, chiefly from anonymous contributors. It is to be hoped that the liberal example set will act as an incentive to ${ }^{0} \mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{e}} \mathrm{er}_{8}$ to set about freeing the University from the fetters of dependency.

## OBSERVATIONS BY OUR PATRIARCH STUDENT.

A questron has been raised as to whether ladies might not with
Propriety be allowed to attend the lectures at the Guelph Agricultural
Coll ege. Bless'em, why shouldn't they? They are all fond
and and take Bless 'em, why shouldn't they? They are all fond of husbandry,

[^0]to gain ground that alvantage was being taken of this advantageons situation, and that the sanctum had been converted into a flirtorium. The positions in this instance were no doubt the reverse of those in William Shakespeare's story, the Romeos being in the windows and the Juliets on the sward below. But the waving of kerchiefs and the ogling of semaphoric eyes had soon to be put off till the sweet by-andby, owing probably to the proverbial sharpness of Lady Superioresses. I feel too blue to proceed with the story; it has made us all realize what an isolated cavern the Firm is shat up in. There is not a single boarding school, much less a convent, within five hundred yards distance; yes, it's too true, it's too affecting, it's

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A vacation idyla.
Sine told me her name it was Hetty, And she gave me her carte de visite As we sat sille by side on the jetty, And the waves rippled in at our feet.
Yes; here is her name written under, With the "y "finished oft in a twirl,
And she promised she'd never -
I wonder what the deuce has become of that gitl?
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Why shouldn't babies be given the right to choose their own names? Girl babies in many casos have the privilege after a time ; but give a boy a bad name and the chances are that unless he goes on the stage or becomes a master at Upper Canada College, it sticks to him for life.

Soene: Match arginst the Britannias last Saturday.
breath! They're out of wind !"" "Ko it, Torontos. They're taking Britrannia plater. " "Pe" (Keeps thandering this ont.)
you'll be able to supply us." "erhaps when we are in want of wind On-looker gets very red noise.

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"Do you know," said little Whelan Spot, as he came from school,
"that Joe Dimpsey argued with the teacher on logic to day?"
"Indeed ; and what position did he tike?"
"Well, the last position he took was across a chair, with his face downwards."

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A professor in Nova Scotia, visiting a friend in a neighboring town,
asked, amongst other inquiries, how the young men spent their evenings :
"Oh! we have plenty of intellectual amnsement, and we have a debating society."
"Ah! what do you do there?"
"Well, we meet once a week, and we bugin with an essay-Nu! first we have a dram - then we have an essay, and then "-
"Oh! I see, esse takes the same case after it as before it."
"Yes; and often in the plurad, too."

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Time: Last weeh. Soene : Rewinence porth.
Recognition and delight.
"What, again attending lectures! How are you?"
"Very well, thank you."
"How's your dear old dad?"
"He's dead."
Sympathy.
This week ; same characters ; same scene.
" What, still in Residence! How are you ?"
"Very well, thank you."
"How's your dear old dad?"
"Still dead."

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One of the jeunesse dor'se at Oxford-very much jeunesse and considerably dorée-having been convicted of honorable proposals to a burmaid in the vicinity of his college, has been sent to travel with a tutor on this continent, the latter having instructions to avoid the beaten track. Dulness and despair have so preyed upon the youth's mind, that during a halt at an out-of-the-way spot, he hinted at suicidal intentions. His reverend companion reminded him how the apostle enjoins upon us, in whatever state we are, therewith to be content. "All very fine," replied the unrepentant one, "but I question if St. Paul was ever in the State of New Jersey."
"Onv on earth in silence wrought,
And his grave in silence sought;
But the younger, brighter form,
Passed in battle and in storm."
Did Mr. Longfellow mean that the older, duller form (the sixth ac cording to a fifth form boy) was plucked in the two subjects he enumerates?
"The passing mark," says an exchange, "has been raised from 331 to 40 at Harvard." It has occurred to me that a very good problem in variations might be made in finding the absolute strictuess of any examination. First of all, the percentages vary as the number of colleges, then the nature of the paper varies as the temperament of the particular examiner, and finally the number of those who are plucked varies like the deuce.

The editor of a College paper gravely chronicles that the represent ative of a certain clothing house, to wit, a readymade clothing agent, caller at the College " and made a very favorable impression among students and professors." It is not so asserted, but the editor might have no doubt gone on and said, "He kindly placed at our disposal two vests, a coat, three white shirts, and a pair of suspenders." Confess, Mr. Editor, how the spoil was divided. Who got the cont? To Whom were the suspenders alloted? We deem it proper to state here that the college in question was not Victoria College, nor any other in
Canada.

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Thmee kindred spirits from the College were seen wandering up Yonge Street about midnight of Saturday in a peculiar manner. From the direction they were seen to take, it was surmised that the residence was represented. "Macbeth" seemed to be their topic ; for one was heard mumbling about "midnight hags," and another saying, "When shall we three meet again?"

University News. A committee of prominent Montreal citizens has been formed to work and confer with the governors of MeGili University, for the purpose of raising a fund of at least $\$ 150,000$ necessary to place the institution on a prosperous basis.

Sophokles' (Edipns Tyrannus has been taken in hand by a theatrical manager, as a natural consequence of the public attention drawn to it by the Harvard students' performance last winter. George Riddle will play (Edipus in Greek, and the rest will be given in Enclish by professional actors. A number of seats will be removed from the orchestra, and in this open space the thymele, or altar, will be erected, surrounded by a wall.

Columbia is the richest college in the United States, with an anmual income of $\$ 315,000$. Next comes Harvard, with $\$ 231,000$; then John Hopkins, with $\$ 180,000$. Yale has $\$ 136,000$; the University of California, $\$ 105,000$; and Cornell, $\$ 100,000$

The average expense for each member of the graduating class at Yale is $\$ 3,825$ for the whole course, or $\$ 956.25$ each year.

Dr. Freeman, the well-known historian, is engaged to deliver ten lectures at Cormell during the winter.

The students of an Indiana college have hit upon a now method of passing disputed questions over the faculty's veto. Being forbidden to organize a chapter of a certain society, they have appealed to the courts. The suit is now pending.
"England has at last given up the effort to pronounce Latin after the "Continental" method.

Dr. McCosh says, that out of four hundrel students under him in philosophy who have graduated at Princeton, only four graduated
sceptics.

A Latin play is talked of at Harvard for this year, and it is also proposed to repeat the (Edipus.

The publication of Kant's Kritik, the greatest event in the history of Philosophy since the days of DesCartes and Bacon, took place in the year 1781. The centennial of the event was celebrated by the metaphysicians of the United States at Saratoga and at Concord.

At a meeting of the Senate, held on August the 2nd of this year,
following letter was read by the Registrar. the following letter was read by the Registrar:

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\text { Toronto, Aug. 2, } 1881 .
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Dear Sir,--I have much pleasure in enclosing my cheque for $\$ 2,000$, with which to enable the Senate to found a scholarship in the University of Toronto, to be awarded in the Faculty of Arts on such terms and conditions as the senate may determine. Without intending
of suggesting whether it can be advantageously awarded in the depart ment of Greek and Latin classics, and either in addition to or in liea of any existing scholarships in that department. I am yours very truly,

## Alfred Bager, M.A.

Mary Mulock.

## Registrar of the University.

The present comes from the mother of the Vice-Chancellor, and is a handsome gift.

College News.--The annual convocation of University College took place last Friday afternoon. The hall, as usual, was crowded to the door. President Wilson occupied the chair, and after presenting the prizes, said that in 1856, when University College first entered upon its independent carcer, there were but twelve matriculants among the first undergraduates. In 1881 they had received upwards of eighty undergraduates, and at this year's examination a larger number had been rejected as not coming up to the standard than had been admitted in the early period he had referred to. It was a fact not to be regretted that the standard of the examinations had been raised of late years. At the last University matriculation examination, of 187 successful competitor:, 21 were ladies. It was enacted by the statute that women should be plased on a perfect equality with men in competing for the honors of the University. From the evidence of intellectual capacity the ladies had already exbibited, he believed the day was not far distant when they would rejoice in seeing ladies admitted to the rank of graduates of the University. This raised an important question in relation to the college. There were those who believed that the halls of the collere should be thrown open to lady students. He had received a depatation of young men who had assured him that lady students would receive nothing but courtesy from them. He might say that he had taken an active part in promoting the higher education of women in the college, and the cause had his sympathy. He hoped the Govermment would be induced to erect a fitting building for a ladies' college, and he and his colleagues would be happy to take part in furnishing the education for it. The following is the prize list:

Classics.-4th yenr, W. S. Milncr ; 3rd year, I). McGillivray ; 2nd year, H. K. Fairclough; 1st year, T. C. Boville.

Logic.-2nd year, W. Furquharson.
Chemistry.-4th year, R. F. Ruttan ; 3rd year, A. Y. Scott; 1st year, W. I. Bradley.

Mathematics.-.3rd year, J. M. Clark ; 2nd year, T. G. Campbell: lst year, T. G. Mulvey.

English.-4th year, W. Laidlaw ; 3rd year, H. J. Wright; 2nd year, J. Squair ; 1st year, W. P. MacKenzie.

History.—3rd year, H. J. Wright ; 2nd year, J. Squair.
Mineralogy and Geology.-4th year, R. F. Ruttan ; 3rd year, G. A.
Smith; 2nd year. D. O. Cameron.
Natural History.-4th year, G. H. Carveth; 3rd year, G. A. Smith;
1st and 2nd years, D. O. Cameron.
Metaphysics and Wthice.--3rd year, Wr. F. W. Creelman ; 2nd year, A. S. Johnson.

Oriental Literature.-4th year, J. J. Baker; 3rd year, J. Hamilton; 2nd year, E. Daniel ; 1st year, G. E. Freeman.

French, German, and Italian.-3rd year, E. F. Gunther.
French and German.-2nd year, J. Squair.
French.-list year, W. H. Smith
Gerrean.-1st year, W. H. Smith.
French Prose.-J. Squair.
German Prose.-O. L. Schmidt.

## special prizes.

Speakers.--1. W. G. Hanna ; 2. W. Laidlaw.
Readers.-1. R. Haddow ; 2. A. F. Lobb.
Essayists.-1. J. H. Brown ; 2. W. F. W. Creelman.
Macdonald Bursar!, 1881.-J. C. Robertson.
The students of Trinity Medical School held a, meeting last Friday for the purpose of electing a committee to arrange for their annual dinner. The selected representatives for the fourth year were Messrs. Canfield, Milroy and Wilson; for the third year, Messrs. Krauss, Strathy and Beet; for the second year, Messrs. Stewart, Scott and Casgrain; and for the first year, Messrs. Trow, Airth and Wilson. The leading officers will be elected next week.

In 1854 , the first year of the separate existence of University College and the University of Toronto, there were but ten matriculants admitted to the College. This year upwards of 80 have entered, and admitted to the College. Th
there are more yet to register.

The Toronto School of Medicine holds its annual dinner early in November. The election of Chairman is between Mr. E. Knill, of Stouffille; and Mr. W. H. Johnson, of Toronto. Mr. R. M. Coulter has been elected by acclamation to fill the first, and Mr. J. C. Draper, the second vice-chair. Mr. W. H. Montague, of Dunnville, will respond to the graduating class. The Committee are : Messrs. Kent, Cameron Burton, Drake, Willoughby, Cochrane, Sangster, Rice and Beemer.

President Wilson has been connected with University College twenty-nine years.
"Momaster Hail," the new Baptist College building, was formally dedicated on Tuesday afternoon, in presence of a very large gathering, the educational institutions of the city being well represented. The chairman, Hon. Wm. McMaster, having briefly explained the circumstances of the funding of the college, addresses were delivered by Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, Rev. A. H. Munroe (Montreal), and President Castle. Professors Newman and McVicar were then introduced, each making a short address. After the dedication proceedings, the guests adjourned to supper in the dining-hall, where short ${ }^{8 p e e c h e s}$ were made by Dr. Wilson, Principal Caven, the Mayor, and others. In the evening the concluding address was delivered by the "Sev. Dr. Broadus, of Louisville, Ky., on the appropriate topic of "Scholarship in the Miuistry." The college was built entirely at of $\$ 100$, McMaster's expense, and cost somewhere in the neighborhood of $\$ 100,000$. Besides conveying the building to a Board of Trustees on ${ }^{\text {behalf of the Baptist denomination, this gentleman has endowed the }}$ President's chair to the extent of $\$ 300.00$ a year, and the salaries of the other professors have been guaranteed for three years by other liberal gentlemen

The membership of the Glee Club is fast increasing; showing that the club is becoming more and more popular, and a permanent College Ellitation. Mr. W. H. Blake has been elected Treasurer, Mr. J. C: Elliot resigning from that office; and Mr. C. G. Campbell has been olected Secretary, vice Mr. Blake, resigned.

Residence is becoming very selpet ; hereafter no one will be allowed to live there who does not sueceed in passing his University examina-
tious. Two men have already got their conge ous. Two men have already got their congé.

Thursday being Thanksgiving Day, College was closed, and no
Michaelmas examinations are at the option of the examiners in the various departments.

IN a "skirmishing" match of the Q.O. R., at Garrison Common a short time ago, a member of " K " company was found shouting on his ack. We fancy this would be a very effective mode of s.airmishing.
The subject for debate at the ordinary meeting of the Literary
iety, Friday, October 2lst, is, "Resolved that mankind is influenced Society, Frilay, October 2lst, is, "Resolved that mankind is influencel
more by the love of honor than by the love of money." THE U. C. Literary and Scientific Society berg.
With an open meeting, on Friday, October 14th . the Presidear's work E. Kingspond, in the chair. Judging from the larereatident, Mr. R. the spirit and furce of the debate, and from the weneral interest manifested in the proceedings, we have reason to believe that the present year will sutject very import.unt one in itself and in the history of the Society. The ${ }^{\text {surfject of the debate on Friday was, "Resolved, that the system of }}$ Messrs. Davis, Craedships should be abolished in Toronto University." ${ }^{t i v e}$; and Messrs. J. M. Clark, Gross, Wade, Dunn, and J. MacKay, the negative. The decision. given on the merits of the debate, was in add of the affirmative. Mr. W. Houston, M.A., being present, then addressed the Society briefly on the question in dehate, referring to it as thouted in Convocation, and giving some reasons for his aryreement with spoke of the just given by the chair in favor of the affirmative. He the meagre assistance insuticiency of Toronto University funds, and of hoperd the time would soon come when our University will sificence; and $t_{0}$ the gratification of many laud when our University will see its way clear of its finances, are incapable of fultillment. The first public meeting of the Snciety will be heid on Friday, November 11 th.
'Varsity Men.-Mr. W. B. Laidlaw, B.A., is studying law in
milton. $\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{R}}$. Ellis spent the summer in Germany.
Mr. J. C. F. Bown, B.A., '79, and Mr. J. D. Cameron, B.A., '79, Mr. T. Mackenzie, B.A., '81, is taking a course in Divinity at
ox. Professor Macoun has returned with the Botanical survey from
Noith-West.

In the last number of the Canadial Journal containing the proceedings of the Canadian Institute, are some observations by Mr. W. D. Pearman, P.A., ex-Classical Tutor of University College, on the "Philebus of Plato"; a contribution ly President Wilson on "an Ancient haunt of the Cervus Megaceros; or, Great Irish Deer"; and some " Notes on Relative Motion," ly Professor Lolidon.

Mr. J. C. Elliot has settled down to the mercantile business at Port Robinson. His absence leaves a blank in the committees of the Literary Society and the Glee Club.

Mr. J. M. Mucallum, B. A., of last year, is study ing law in the office of McDougalls and Gordon; and Mr. T. C. Milligan, B.A., in the office of Muloch, Tilt, McArthur \& Crowther.

Mr. J. R. Shiw studies law at Walkerton.
Nise of the men who played with the Torontos against the Britannias of Montreal, last Saturday, wew University men.

Mr. G. H. Carveth, B.A., '8, wis married on Wednesday last, at five o'clock in the afternoon, to Miss Crozier, of Toronto.

## UNIVERSITY COLlege Natural science association.

The first meeting of this association for the present year was hold on Wednesday night in Prof. Chapman's Lecture Room, School of Practical Science. In the absence of the President, Dr. Ellis, the First Vice-President, Mr. J. P. McMuratin, B A., occupied the chair. A fter the minutes of the last meting had been read and approved, several gentlemen of the 2nd Year were nominated as candidates for election as members of the association. The Literary Society having, at the request of the donor, handed over to the association the McMurrice medal, given for the best essay on a scientific subject, a committee, comsisting of the President, First Vice-President, and Mr. Acaeson, B.A., was appointer to confer with Mr. McMuraich with a view to the drawing up, of a new set of rules governing the bestowal of the medal. The secretary, Mr. Rowand, then read communications from Mr. H. R. Wood and Mr. Caves, resigning their offices of Representatives of the 4th and 3 rd Years respectively, and the resirnations having been accepted, other gentlemen were nominated to fill their places. Mr. Acheson, B. A, gave notice that at the next meeting of the association he would move that the Sevate be petitioned in regard to the granting of degrees in Science, a step which will at once commend itself to all students taking in Natural Science course, and which will most assuredly meet with their harty approval.

The business of tho meeting having been completed, the first paper of the evening was read by Mr. T. P. Hall, the subject being " Recent Improvements in Bread-Making." He stated the obje th the Bread Reform League, recently started in Great Britain, had in view, nam ly, a revolution in the mole of preparing flour with a view to extracting and making available the gluten of the wheat, which, in the present method of manufacture, is to a large extent lost, and which is the most nutritions portion of the wheat grain. He described in detail the structure of a grain of wheat, enumerating the vari us coats of which it is composed, illustrating his description by diagrams and nicroscopical preparations. The various processes of bread-making were then enumerated, the defects of each being pointed out. The methods in which yeast and leaven are employerl were condenmed, both on account of the loss of substance occ:sioned by their use and the deleterions unsavory residugs that remained ; the use of bicarbonate of sodia and hydrochloric acid was also disapproved of, owing to the great danger of the employment of a larger quantity of acid than was necessary to set free the carbonic acid, the result being the presence of a certain quantity of free acid in the bread, a constituent which is decidedly injurious to health. The substitution of other acids is open to the objection that the results of the decomposition which occurs are apt to be quate as injurious as, and perhaps more unpleasant than the free hydrochloric acid. The method by which "Gems" and "Aërated Breall" are made were recommended as being the nearest approach to perfect bread-making, the lightness of the bread being produced in the one case by the steam given off during the process of baking, and in the other by the dough being kneaded in compressed air.

After some discussion on Mr. Halur's paper, Mr. Rowand read one on "The History of Chemistry." This most interesting paper was a continuation of one read during the last Session, in which the growth of the science was traced down as far as the brginning of the 17 th century. Continuing from this period, Mr. Rowand gave brief sketches of the various hindrances and encouragements the science recrived: He described in a very interestin'; manner the theories of the "iatro-chemists," accompanied by short accounts of the personal histories of the more im. portant members of the school. The "phlogiston" theory and its various uph lders also came in for their share of criticism.

After the announcements for the next meeting, at which there should be a full attendance, it being the occasion of the President's
inaugural address, the meeting adjourned.

## mallook's " romance of the nineteenth century."

Perhaps the most remarkitble work, both from a literary and artistic point of view, that has appeared during the curcent year, and the one, most assuredly, that has been subjected to the greatest amonnt of advorse and unjust criticism, is "A Romance of the Nineteenth Century," by Mr. W. H. Mallock, a gentleman who has already gained world-wile fame by his "New Republic," ar.d "Is Life Worth Living?" Ma. Maldock is one who evidently has given much thouglrt to the suljects of which he wites, and in addition to an extraordinary clearness of perception, he possesses an artistic manner of writing, a poetic imagination, and a remarkable aptitude for delineation of hatacter. His descriptinns of scenery, macnificent in their composition, fairly overflow with richness of poetic feeling ; in fact, his whole book is poetry vainly veilel by a prosaic form.

And how gloriously and wonderfully are his characters depictel ! Witness his heroine; so pure, and yet so degraded; so beautiful, and yet marred by contanination with the world ; so cullured, and yet want ing that true culture-pure, unimpeachable, maidenly virtue. One is tempted to regard Mallock as an exemplification of his own epigranmatic dictum: "The imagination is for every man the co-creator of his universe, and those men are poets whose imacginations create most glorionsly."

In his conception of the characters of his various dramatis persone, he shows an insight into human nature ${ }_{2}$ and, in a striking manner, a thorough apprecintion of the characier of this nineteenth century of ours, with all its frivolity, infidelity, sensuality and intensity. And yet, although so just in exposing the failirgs of our modern society, he does not forget to give expression to its higher feelings, its struggle after the truth, its culture, and its humanity.

The majority of the critics who have so aspersed this wonderful work in imputing to it an immoral churacter, have overlookerl entirely the fact that it professes to be a Rom unce of the Nineteenth Century, and a true one. If the work is immoral; then, in one direction, it hats attained its aim; if its principal characters show traces of infidelity and agnosticism in their thoughts and conversations, then they are typical examples of our times. Are these alverse critics afraid to acknowleige the failings of the age, and to look them in the face, that they so mereilessly cry down their faithful exposition? Is it because they wish to deter the intellectual portion of the community from recognizing fully the haseness and lowness to which our socirty has sunk in these times of vaunted culture, that they have conlemned Ma. Maldock's work as "Ouidresque" $\}$ To careless, superficial readers, perhaps this imputation may seem just, but to those who read the book not merely for the sake of gratifying their curiosity, but regard it as a work of art, looking beneath the surface, its true nature becomes apparent. They will see at once the distinction between "A Romance of the Ninetecnth Century" and "Puck." The latter may be truly said to be immoral, i.e., wanting a moral, the former points to a moral of a most impressive nature; the one strives to excite our admination for sensuous lovers and unprincipled women, the other makes one feel a profound contempt for the former, and a pity most deep and sincere for the victims of their unrestrained passions ; one, in well-balanced minds, excites disgust at the author for having written, and at one's self for having stooped to read what has been written, the other, the most pure and holy feelings of which our fallen race is capable.

And, in addition to all these nobler passions inspired by this wonderful book, the beanty of its diction, and the sublimity of the thoughts expressed in the dialognes, render it truly a work of art. "Many poets perhaps might have drawn a Desdemona; only an artistic poet could have drawn an Iago also." So may we also say: many poets perhaps might have drawn a Vernon; only an artistic poet could have drawn a Cynthia also.

Addax.

## LIVINGSTONE RIVER.

the prize poem of the university of toronto for 1880.
Oh, dreamy, silent river, deep and strong !
Oh, river rich in life, and gleaming light!
Along thy sloping shores and watching hills,
No legendary past, in glory rich,
Has left its many-towered battlements
To moulder, crumble, and too soon decay;
To weave around each falling turret's base
The thrilling tales of mythic warrior days.
Thy richly rounded hills, in endless throng,
Glance back no faint, far distant shock of arms,

That, sounding still, rolls on from year to year,
No sabre stroke on heavy-plated mail
The peaceful flow of thy dark flood disturbs.
No thunder peal of war's artillery
Along the winding passages of time
Reverberating still, doth wildly start
The wary fowl upon thy breast asleep.
A mist impenetrable hides thy past,
A brooding silence stills historic tones;
We see no visions of the days gone by;
To us no wrecks float down the stream of time;
No weird and mellow tones float on the wind;
And so we say thou hast no memories.
Ah, well! we know not; it is dark to us,
For we are but the childrea of to-day,
Our knowledge reaches only back to morn.
Perchance to thee are known the great events
Of histories full of wondrous deeds. Perchance
As much good blood hath mingled with thy stream
As ever tinged the waves of fabled flood
In mythic song. Perchance, could we bat catch
The rythmic undertones of thy deep roll,
We might then hear a fragmentary thrill
Of songs, whose grandly swelling tones, whose sweet
Wild music, grander, sweeter is than all
The songs thy European fellows know.
Perchance by thee have wandered, deep in thought,
As mighty men, and minds as great, as e'er
By Roman Tiber, German Rhine, or e'en
By English Avon.
But now a tropic calm,
A tropic haze, hangs over thee,
Eutch trembling murmur into speedy rest.
With fitful sob the sighing winds sink down
To sleep, and twilight shade in softness falls,
And weaves a subtle tint with filmy light
That gleams like strained mist athwart the leaves.
Along thy marge the tall and slenter reeds
In accents hushed, and nodding, half asleep,
Their strange, weird tales upon thy waters pour.
The lofty trees bend over thee, and droop
Their pendant branches, swaying softly down
To kiss thy smiling fuce, and trailing vines,
In clusters rich, creep down to sip thy breath.
Along thy reedy shores no sound of bells,
No rich, full majesty of organ tones,
No human voices, chanting praise divine
On holy days, in dreamy accents float;
But in the reeds thy rippling waters break,
And through the trees the winds do soflly sigh,
And touch in every leaf a chord of song,
And myriad hymns of praise, and wild delight,
Through all the long bright tropic day,
From feathered songsters rise to pierce the skies,
And float through azure domes with star-dust strewn,
Until they reach the very throne of God.
Oh, silent river, lying still and lone,
Thou hast unnumbered visions all day long,
Of gleaming golden sun, and fleeting cloud,
Of distant mountains-overhanging trees,
Of birds, that sweeping down a moment, seek
To peer within the hidden depths beneath,
And then on fleet and flashing wing, are gone.
At night thou art a richly jewelled sky,
Where southern stars in trembling downward sink,
And dost thou, silent river, nownere keep
A record of the beauty thou hast seen?

Hast thou nn secret chambers filled with song,
Where vanished melodies are lingering yet?
No hidden corridors with canvas hung,
Whereon the faded scenes still brightly glow?
Eternal monument of lofty fame!
A fame that fades not with the fleeting years;
But, like thy waters, full, and pure, and deep,
Grows ever richer as it onward flows.
A fitting semblance of a noble life,
That calmly still flowed on 'neath darkening skies,
Through desert drear, and gloomy forest wilds,
With rarely, hero and there, a sunlit vale
Enchanted deep in song, and odors sweet.
A life that left its blessing all along,
On every sh.re and people that it passed;
And flowing on, still deeper, broader grew,
Until its gleaming waters reached at last
The boundless sea of immortality.
J. M. Lydaate.

## 'VARSITY SPORT

All arrangem nts have been finally settled for the match with
The Gill University to-morrow, and also for entertaining them hoopitably $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{lg}}$ Mill Gill men iutend coming up on Thursday night, and sperid Iog all Friluy sight-seeing. The whole team has not yet been chosen, but it is probable that a good fifteen will he placed on the field to Oppose the Montrealers, who have the reputation of being the strongest uiversity club in Canada. The game will commence at 3 p.m. sharp, did it is hoped that no member of the Turonto University team will be bohindhund, and thus delay the start

THE University College sports were finished on Saturday after
in outoher 14th. The events were all well contested, and the time
tosturt cases, is good ; due to the well-trained condition of the con-
prize ze-winners, and the time:
$\mathrm{d}_{\text {ent }}$ Mile $^{\text {prize }}$ race-1, A. Fraser (time, 5.08) ; 2, D. O. Cameron; ResiFize, A. Frazer:
$\underset{00 r g e}{ }$ Flat race ( 100 yards)-1, D. C. Little (time, $11 \frac{1}{2}$ secs.) ; 2, W. K ge ; Revident prize, E. McKay
Rittle. Running high jump--1, D. ©. Little ( 5 ft. $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$ in.); 2, R. A.
Graduates' race (220 yards)-1, F. W. G. Haultain (time, $26 \frac{1}{2}$ Halt W. D. Gwyune
Halt-mile race-1, G. G. S. Lindsey (time, 2 21) ; 2, F. H. Sykes.
P. Beardy. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hace ( } 220 \text { yards)-1, D. C. Little (time } 29 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{sec} \text {.) ; 2, E. }\end{aligned}$ exty.
Strangers' race ( $\frac{1}{4}$ mile)-1, W. Bonnell (time, $59 \frac{1}{4}$ sec.)
Tuy-of-war (secund ties)-1, Second Y car.
1, A. Frander race (open to undergraduates of Canadian universities)Fraser (time, 2.163) ; 2, A. Henderson.
Becs.); 2, A. F. May.
A. $D_{\text {avisulation }}^{\text {Colace }}$ ( 220 yards) -1, H. Irving; Resident prize, J. $h_{0}$ A protes
$t_{0}$ is a $^{0}$ a proest was entered against Mr. D. C. Little, on the ground that
${ }^{1}$ deal witessional ; which gave the Managing Committee a yuestion
mittee with which has never been dealt with here before. The com-
${ }^{\text {evereming met on Mond } 4 \text {, Uetober } 17 \mathrm{th} \text {, and adjourned till the following }}$
ject $h_{\text {avi }}$ when Mr. Little was invited to be present. There the sub

1. Thing had full discussion, the following resolutions were passed:
colloge sport Mr. Little be awarded the prizes won by him in the late
ge sports.
$t_{0}$ doubt what the negligence of previous committees having left it open
Whereas, whether the college gatues ara professiotal cr amateur; and
the gang, the geintlemen wio have protested a gainst Mr. Littie entered
such gentleving them to be amateur; this coumittue hereby votes
2. Thentlemen remain amateurs.
be allowed in future no professional, whether undergraduate or not, I to compete in the college sports.
siving $^{L_{48}}$ year the winners of Resident prizes reduced Resident prize-
ind monan absurdity. This yeari, two such prizes were taken by the
man, no others passing the distance flag.
Tre Association Football Club has begun active and regular prac-
from the club, and the play shower that very strong First and Second fifteens will be put in the fiell. Many new players have shown themselves, and the interest evinced leads to the belief that the Association is determined not to allow the "Rugbys" to monopolize the season: We hope soon to see matches announced.

The rifle practice, previons to the competition for the company's prizes, have been well attended this week, and the scores have been high.

The following circular has been sent by the Montreal Foot-ball Club to the principal clabs of the Dominion :
"The ríontreal Foot-bill Club having some years ago put up for' competition a valuable challenge cup, and having won the same the requisite number of consecutive times, and thas become the absolute owners, now wish to place the cup before the chabs of Canada for competition under the following rules, and thus hope to stimulate and encourage the playing of Rugby Union Foot ball.

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The other rules will be given next week.

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    is, or was, situated the office of the Journal. The rumor began

