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AT the convocation of the University of Toronto the other day ninety-five young men and thirteen young women received the degree of B.A. Thirteen *M.A.'s* were bestowed in course, and one *ad eundem*. Eleven LL.B. degrees were conferred, also nineteen degrees of D.D.L., and one of M.D. *ad eundem*.

WE have already received several good papers on practical topics which, having been read before different institutes, have been recommended for publication. We shall not be able to publish more than one or two of these before the vacation, but after September 1st will be glad to give place to as many as our space will permit. If we cannot find room for all we shall aim at selecting those which seem to us best adapted to be helpful to teachers in their actual work, and especially to the younger members of the profession.

THE Minister of Education has published some memoranda respecting the qualifications of Boards of Examiners for High School Entrance Examinations under the new Act. As it comes to hand just as we are going to press we have no room for publication or extended comment. It is explained that the policy of the Department is not to change the principle on which the old Boards were formed, but to provide better security, so that the members of the Boards shall have the necessary educational qualifications. It is not intended that teachers shall, in any case, examine their own pupils, which seems but a reasonable precaution.

THE Editor of *Education* says that the capture of nearly all the southern legislatures by the Farmers' Alliance is redounding to the progress of popular education in that section. "While this new political association has loudly demanded improved education for the laboring classes, especially the farmers, it has turned out that with the exception of one State, Georgia, the recent legislatures have been chiefly intent on withdrawing appropriations from the higher education, and inventing ways to secure better common schools, without facing the grim fact of local taxation." This is in the right direction. If public funds are not available for all, the greatest good of the greatest

number demands that the education of the masses be first provided for. The higher education can better take care of itself than the elementary.

"AN Introduction to the Study of the History of Language," a new and important work published by Longmans, gives in a chapter on Standard Language, the following examples of the differences which have grown up between certain familiar words and expressions as used in "Standard English and Standard American:"

American.	English.
elevator	lift
mush	porridge
biscuit	roll
cracker	biscuit
fall	autumn
sick	ill
sick abed	ill in bed
entirely too	much too
quite a while	some time
takes much pleasure in	has much pleasure in
accepting	accepting
nothing to him	nothing in him
lying around	walking about
track	line
horse-car	tram-car
horse-car-track	tramway

THE fact is, we believe, demonstrable that, other things being equal, brain-workers live longer than those who use their brains very little. This is as we should expect. Nature intended all a man's and a woman's faculties for use. Activity is the law of their being and the vigorous exercise of each is conducive to the health of all. But many a young man or woman, leaving the farm, or some other sphere of great physical activity, to commence a course of study at college, eschews all common sense. Needful rest, recreation and physical exercise are neglected, with the absurd expectation that the hours thus stolen can be turned to account in study. Sooner or later comes the inevitable break-down, and sympathizing friends declare that the poor fellow has killed himself with hard study, when the fact is that it is only indirectly that study has anything to do with the result. He has outraged Nature and violated some of her plainest laws, and is paying the penalty. That is all. Such an one, unless his ignorance was very dense, deserves not the pity, much less the praise, too often bestowed.

* Editorial Notes. *

IN reply to inquirers we may say that the amendments to the School Acts are already in force, having taken effect as soon as they were passed.

WE had intended to have something to say about the "School of Pedagogy" in this number, but are, ourselves, in common with some of our contributors, "crowded out."

FOR the information of inquirers we may say that Ladd's "Physiological Psychology" is published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. The name of the publisher was inadvertently omitted from the notice of the book given in our columns a few weeks since.

WE see it stated in the *Christian World*, of London, that, as the result of a newspaper discussion, the Queen has ordered the bearing, or check reins, removed from her carriage horses. We hope that the information is correct and that the merciful fashion may speedily be followed throughout the Empire.

WE are sorry not to find among the names of speakers announced for the International Convention those of Chancellor Blake, and President Wilson of the University of Toronto. No doubt the pressure of other engagements has prevented these gentlemen from accepting places on the programme. May it not be hoped that they may yet find it possible to be present at some of the general meetings?