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The Publishers frequently receive letters from their friends complaining of the non-receipt of the JOURNAL. In explanation they would state, as subscriptions are necessarily payable in advance, the mailing clerks have instructions to discontinue the paper when a subscription expires. The clerks are, of course, unable to make any distinction in a list containing names from all parts of the United States and Canada.

THE CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL IN 1881.

Our accounts from the various Teachers' Associations held last month are most encouraging. Not only has the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL been unanimously adopted by numerous Associations, to be supplied to the teachers partly at the cost of the Association, but at the meeting of the Teachers' Association of West Lambton, it was resolved that the Association altogether, at its own expense, should send the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL to every teacher in the county.

The publishers of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, on their part, are resolved to spare neither expense nor effort in their endeavors to make this journal worthy of the confidence thus bestowed on it by the teaching profession—to make it, in a word, the foremost educational journal on this continent. No less ambition ought to satisfy them or their constituents.

The publishers have lately made an addition to the editorial staff of the SCHOOL JOURNAL, and are prepared to furnish, during the coming year, an amount of matter exceeding that of any other educational paper, with full discussion of all topics of interest to the teaching profession and those connected with education. Literary reviews, and notices of all questions relating to our school system will be furnished, as well as personal intelligence, and reports of all meetings and other events of importance to teachers.

School inspectors and others engaged in educational work are requested to furnish the editor with reports of all Teachers' Associations, and other matters which ought to be placed before the profession and the public.

THE RECENT UNIVERSITY GATHERINGS.

The late University gatherings at Kingston and Toronto are somewhat noteworthy, if not remarkable in their way. That at Kingston was especially so for many reasons, while

that at Toronto had a touch of sadness about its main incident. It witnessed the closing educational career of one of the ripest, if not the ripest, scholar in the Dominion. The gathering at Kingston, on the other hand, had nothing but gladness in all of its elaborate and enthusiastic demonstration.

The Rev. Dr. McCaul took leave of University College amid universal regret, after a prolonged and honourable career as its President. To him the provincial institution owes its present high position. His acknowledged scholarship shed a lustre on the whole University, even noted, as it has long been, for its able and distinguished professors. The incident of the unveiling of the likeness* of the departing President was a very touching one; and the graceful act and speech of the incoming President on the occasion struck a responsive chord in the hearts of all present—no less felt and appreciated by the many friends of both gentlemen who were not able to witness the ceremony. While we take leave of Dr. McCaul with unfeigned regret, we welcome with no less cordiality the new President, who, by common consent, is eminently fitted for his new and distinguished position.

The gathering at Kingston to instal the new Chancellor, and to take formal possession of the extensive and handsome addition to Queen's University buildings, was indeed a memorable one for many reasons. In the first place, it inaugurated a new and significant departure in Canadian University celebrations. For the first time the representative heads of other universities and colleges were present and took part in the ceremonial exercises. This was a graceful act on their part, and to invite them was a fitting one on the part of the Queen's University. The representative heads thus present were the Chancellor of Toronto University, the President of Victoria University, the President of Albert University, the Principal of the Toronto Protestant Episcopal Divinity College, and a representative professor from McGill University. Such a gathering was truly fraternal and hopeful, and contrasted strongly with the state of things in University matters which was thus described by a recent writer on *University Consolidation* in one of our magazines. He says:—

“Unfortunately, University men in Ontario have rarely if ever acted in concert. They have either been in antagonism to one another, or have chosen to maintain the position of dignified neutrality. . . . This apathetic state of feeling, which seems chronic, we fear, is unfortunate for the University future of Ontario. By persisting in such an exploded Japanese system of non-intercourse, we are inflicting an evil on our country, and doing an injury to its higher scholarship.”

The fears of this writer have fortunately proved groundless, and we congratulate all parties concerned on the abandonment of the former system of University non-intercourse.

The gathering at Kingston was further noted for the character and variety of the speeches delivered on the occasion. There was a raciness and spirit in all of the addresses delivered,

* Painted by a rising young artist and fellow-townsmen, the oldest son of the Hon. Mr. Justice Pattison.