

Toronto hatter to take charge of the Penetanguishene institution, whose only qualifications were, that he was a politician of the right stripe, and in need of a berth.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS.

MR. CROOKS's wayward and maladroit course in connection with the University College appointments is sincerely to be deplored, not only by his political and personal friends, but by all who desire to see the Minister acquit himself of the duties of his important office with credit and approval. As we go to press we notice with regret that criticism has once more broken out over the appointments to University positions which the Minister of Education has recently made in connection with the classical chair, the tutorship in classics, and the vacant office of Dean of residence. Conceding the probable necessity to go to England for a successor to Dr. McCaul in the chair of Classics, there was surely no occasion to import a classical tutor. Still less does there seem to be necessity to confer the Deanship upon a new comer. These appointments cannot fail to give grievous offence to the graduates of the Institution, and we shall not be surprised if the Minister's actions are sharply criticised and loudly denounced. The arrangement under which the classical professor comes out is understood also to give great offence to the faculty. It is a pity that Mr. Crooks has not better learned "the art of doing things."

If we wish to know where the profession of teaching is most honoured and best provided for, we must go to Brazil. The teacher in Brazil, having once passed a satisfactory examination, becomes a Government official for life, and is promoted, not as vacancies occur, but according to his term of service. After five years' service, during which he has a comfortable salary with house-rent, he receives a small pension, and for every scholar above thirty, which is supposed to be the average number in country schools, he gets, as addition to his salary, an equivalent equal to one-third of the estimated cost of each

pupil's tuition. When sick, or disabled, a small extra pension is provided. After ten years' service, the salary, pension, and perquisites are doubled. After twenty years it is again increased, and a life-insurance policy is then bestowed upon him by the Government, sufficient to keep his family from want in case of his death. After thirty years he is put on the retired list, and receives the same pay as army or navy officers of a certain rank; but he may even then continue to teach and to receive a regular salary.

MR. RICHARD GRANT WHITE, whose interesting article on *The Decay of Reading* will be found elsewhere in our pages, has just compiled a number of his contributions to the press on "Every-day English." They treat of speech, writing, grammar, words and phrases, etc., and point out the errors which abound in our common use of English. The book will be found attractive to more than purists and pedantic critics of the language.

MESSRS. HARPER BROS. have just reprinted a volume of high interest to the student of English Literature under the title of "Four Centuries of English Letters." It consists of selections from the correspondence of one hundred and fifty writers, from the period of the "Paston Letters" to the present day.

AN excellent work on practical self-culture, moral, mental, and physical, has just been brought out from the pen of Mr. W. H. Davenport Adams, the compiler of the "Dictionary of English Literature." The book is entitled "Plain Living and High Thinking," and is dedicated by permission to the Right Hon. Mr. Gladstone.

MESSRS. JAMES CAMPBELL & SON have just issued a manual of Trigonometry from the pen of Dr. Morrison, Head Master, High School, Walkerton, which we shall notice in our next.

MESSRS. WILLING & WILLIAMSON have just arranged for a Canadian edition, at a cheaper rate, of Abbott and Seeley's "English Lessons for English People."