

THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL INSPECTOR.

The lamented death of Mr. Marling left a vacancy difficult to fill. His scholarship, his experience, and his character combined to fit him in an eminent degree for the position which he so ably filled. The choice of the Government has been made, and Mr. J. E. Hodgson, M.A., Principal of Brantford Collegiate Institute, has been appointed an Inspector of High Schools. The duty of selection was a most difficult one. Among the numerous applicants there were other masters of equal ability and longer experience than Mr. Hodgson. There are no doubt some who will object to the appointment on account of the comparative youth of Mr. Hodgson. It is not often possible to give universal satisfaction in making such an appointment. It must be conceded, however, that when a young man has shown clear evidence of the possession of special fitness for any position, his youth is decidedly in his favor. The earlier a man enters upon his life-work the greater are the opportunities to attain a marked efficiency in the performance of his duties.

Mr. Hodgson, was born at Whitby, Ontario, in 1850. He received his training for the University, under his father, Mr. James Hodgson, at present Inspector of Schools for South York. He matriculated in Toronto University in 1869, received the degree of B.A. in 1874, and was awarded the first silver medal in the department of Classics. He took his M.A. in 1880. During the year of 1872, while an undergraduate, he taught in Chatham High School. In 1874, after graduating, he was appointed Classical Master of Cobourg Collegiate Institute, but in the course of a few months he was induced to accept a similar position in the Collegiate Institute at Hamilton. He retained this position till January, 1876, when he was appointed Principal of St. Mary's High School. In 1879 he was selected by the Collegiate Institute Board of Brantford as the successor to Mr. Mills, who had been appointed President of the Agricultural College, at Guelph.

As a teacher, Mr. Hodgson has been singularly successful; five students, directly prepared by him, have won classical scholarships at the matriculation examinations of the different Universities, and a large number of his students have gained first-class honors in Classics, English, French, History and Geography. In his classification and management of two of the most important Collegiate Institutes in the Province he has shown marked ability.

On the whole, Mr. Hodgson's experience has been of the right kind to fit him for the duties of an Inspector. Indeed his whole life has been spent in High Schools, or at College. His father was a successful Grammar School Master, so that from his earliest years, he has been perfectly familiar with the details of the work he will have to inspect.

—Mr. Gray, who was for many years Principal of the Central School in St. Catharines, and afterwards Inspector of Schools in that city, has been appointed Inspector of the County of Lincoln. Mr. Gray is an experienced and successful teacher, and will no doubt prove the right man in the right place.

MATRICULATION IN THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

—WE expressed the opinion in the February Number of the JOURNAL, that the regulation adopting the Intermediate Examination with Latin as the standard for matriculation by the College of Physicians and Surgeons for Ontario, should be interpreted to mean that the intending Medical Student should take Latin as his optional subject, instead of French, German, or Natural Philosophy, &c., and that those who had already passed the Intermediate without Latin could matriculate in the College by taking Latin only. We are glad to have our interpretation confirmed by Dr. Pyne, Registrar of the College. He sent the following letter bearing on the question to Mr. Clarke:—

TORONTO, Feb. 20, 1882.

J. A. CLARKE ESQ., M.A.,

High School, Smith's Falls, Ont.

Dear Sir,—I send you the C. P. & S. O. announcement, with the page turned down, stating that the Intermediate certificate with Latin only, is all that is required by the Medical Council.

In the copy of curriculum you enclosed, I must state, that the group you mark B (being the one on Latin) is the only one required to be taken, by intending Medical Students. Groups A. C. & D. are not required.

Trusting this will be sufficiently explicit,

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

R. F. PYNE,

Registrar.

THE REVISED EDUCATION CODE OF ENGLAND.

We learn from the London *Times* that the task of revising the English Education Code—a matter which for a year past has excited much discussion throughout educational circles in England—has been definitely terminated. The original code, first drawn up by the celebrated Mr. Lowe (now Lord Sherbrook), though like most educational projects which break in upon stereotyped usages, it encountered severe criticism, has, as the *Times* observes, proved itself fairly well adapted to the circumstances of national education, and has remained practically unaltered to the present day. But the minor changes made necessary by the altered conditions of the country, in time wrought so much complication and confusion in the details of the Code that its very unintelligibility made imperative a systematic revision. To this work of revision the chiefs of the Education Department, Earl Spencer and Mr. Mundella, seem to have addressed themselves with great energy.

On various suggested changes, public opinion was elicited in advance by means of circulars plentifully distributed throughout educational circles. The general result of their labor, the *Times* represents as in the highest degree re-assuring to all true friends of the existing national system of elementary education. The new Code is compared to "a well-fitting boot pressing gently and equally on all sides; special care, indeed, being taken here and there to give ease to a particularly painful corn."

The points of the new Code to which the *Times* directs particular attention, are the following:—*Infant Schools, Subjects of Instruction for Children over Seven Years of Age, Annual Examination, the Attendance Grant, Night Schools, School At-*