

proficiency certificates and one bronze medal have been taken by our pupils, many of whom now possess the much-coveted grade "B" diploma, while many others holding two, three or four certificates hope soon to complete the course and take rank with their more successful comrades.

The authorities are doing what they can to advance the interests of our mechanical industries, and, with a view to that end, industrial drawing has been given a prominent place in our curriculum, and the efforts of the Education Department are being ably seconded by our teachers and School Boards.

The benefits resulting from a thorough course in drawing—the training of the eye, the hand, the reasoning faculties, and the aesthetic tastes—cannot but be of great value to the student who intends to enter any of the mechanical trades or professions of the day. It forms habits of industry, neatness and accuracy, and cultivates the powers of observation and invention. Drawing should be taught in schools not to produce artists, but draughtsmen.

The great difficulty among Canadian artificers is their inability to design, and when boys and girls are taught drawing and designing in the schools this difficulty will be, in a great measure, overcome, and the result will be a more intelligent class of workmen, and consequently a superior quality of the article produced. Canadians then will not have to depend on the inventive genius of foreigners to produce designs for their work. The sooner this time comes the better, and it will be to the advantage of every pupil to spend as much time as possible on this very useful and, at the same time, very interesting subject.

OUR ALUMNI.

The Whitby Collegiate Institute is noted for the success which her students attain in after life. Her Alumni stand in the front rank of commercial and professional men, and not a few of them are assisting in the navigation of the ship of State.

She has furnished Principals for many of the leading educational institutions of the Dominion. Among these may be mentioned D. J. Goggin, Principal of the Winnipeg Normal School; George Dickson, Principal of Upper Canada College; Thomas Carscadden, Principal of Galt Collegiate Institute; W. H. Huston, late Principal Pickering College, now of Toronto Collegiate Institute; Professor Panton, of the Guelph Agricultural College; and the following Head Masters of High Schools: S. Phillips, of Petrolea; N. J. Wellwood, of Oakville; C. J. McGillivray, of Fergus; and W. W. Jardine, of Newcastle.

She has given liberally to the Bar. The legal robe sits fittingly upon the shoulders of J. B. Dow, of Whitby; J. G. Robinson and T. C. L. Armstrong, of Toronto; J. McGillivray, of Uxbridge; J. A. Culham, of Hamilton; F. Palmer, of Stratford; J. F. Grierson, of Oshawa; and J. E. Farewell, Crown Attorney for the County of Ontario.

The Press is indebted to her for G. H. Ham, correspondent of the *Mail*, Andrew Stevenson, and we might add J. E. Bryant, had he not just thrown down the editorial quill. A singular and enviable position is occupied by another ex-pupil, J. W. Bengough, whose ready pen and truthful pencil have gained for him a *grip* upon public opinion.