

weight, "creeps" more freely and quickly. It is also noticed that the wheels that run on the eastern rail wear out first, and we can but think

that this earth motion is the true cause. The practical side of this is that the eastern rail and wheels should be stronger.—*Scientific American.*

EDITORIAL NOTES.

VICTORIA.

OLD VIC., as it used to be proudly, lovingly and familiarly called by its sons, left its first town of habitation, and is now becoming and well sheltered in a fine new building in Queen's Park, Toronto. Victoria is now a member of the Confederation of Colleges in Ontario. The fact of the new college being completed and ready for occupancy was duly and auspiciously celebrated early in October last. The Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick were present. His Honour welcomed Victoria College and University to the capital city of Ontario, and also to the membership of the Confederated Colleges.

In past years Victoria contributed a fair share towards the love of letters in Ontario. We doubt not that in the future of our country the old college (as we count colleges) will equal and excel its work in the past. THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY salutes Victoria, and hopes that her career will be great and noble, worthy of her founders and supporters.

EXAMINATIONS.

THE discussion on making the standing of candidates for teachers' certificates or for admission to colleges and professions solely dependent upon examinations, is attracting much attention on the part of men engaged in work of education. The subject was fully considered at the annual meeting of the New England Association of Colleges and Prepara-

tory Schools, which met on the 14th and 15th October in Boston.

For admission to colleges in the United States, there are two plans in vogue: students are admitted upon examination and also by certificate given by the principals of preparatory schools. These two modes had advocates at the meeting in Boston. But by the most ardent advocates of either plan, it was admitted that the results obtained were unsatisfactory not only to the student but also to the preparatory school.

The opinion seems to have been very general that examination results should be modified by the school record. This view appears to be gaining ground very generally. The subject was remitted to a committee for enquiry and report to next meeting of the Association.

ONTARIO EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

THE Board of Directors of the Ontario Educational Association met in the Examiners' Room of the Education Department on the evening of the 11th of November to prepare for the next Convention, which will be held in Toronto on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Easter week. A novel and pleasing feature of the meeting was the appearance of the chairman, secretary and one director, as representatives of the Trustees' Association, which at its last meeting decided to become part of the Ontario Educational Association.