

EDITORIAL NOTES.

1895.

Happy New Year to all the workers in the wide field of Education. To make the CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY the magazine we wish requires contributions from all classes of workers in every department of educational effort. Therefore, we hope all friends of our country will continue and increase their best endeavours for our magazine and make it an efficient aid to our public school men, our high school men and our college men.

SIR JOHN THOMPSON.

Sir John Thompson was born in Nova Scotia. He began life as a printer's boy; then he entered journalism and became a shorthand reporter. From journalism he passed to law, became successively a member of the local assembly, attorney-general, premier of his province, a judge, Minister of Justice in the Dominion Cabinet, Prime Minister of Canada and a member of the Imperial Privy Council. Sir John has shown to the youth of Canada, to the world, what unequalled opportunities the people of Canada have for serving both Queen and Country. The late first minister of the Crown was a man of great ability and withal of modesty. His integrity in public and private life was unquestioned. In his vigour of manhood, the word came to him amidst his honours: Thy work 'tis done. Britannia and Canada, in sad silence, carry his mortal remains to the last resting place, but nevertheless, Sir John Thompson lives. The wealth of a country is its men and women. Canada can ill afford the loss of three Sir Johns so quickly

one after another. Canada expects all her sons to loyally contribute to her stability and prosperity.

MEMORANDUM FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.

The following circular has been issued by the Education Department:

The new curriculum of the University of Toronto will necessitate a rearrangement of the high school courses of study. The modifications will come into operation in September, 1895, and an announcement giving complete details will probably be made by this department next May.

While the examinations for the Primary, Junior Leaving and Senior Leaving Examinations will be based after 1895 on the courses prescribed by the new curriculum, the just claims of candidates who have been preparing the subjects of the present curriculum will be recognized in the examinations of 1896. It may be further assumed that in the new High School course the subjects prescribed for Part I. of the new matriculation curriculum, viz.: Arithmetic and Mensuration, English Grammar and Rhetoric, English and Canadian History, and Physics, will be required of all candidates at the Primary examination, and that the standard set for matriculation in these subjects will be adopted as a standard for the Primary. The Department is not in a position to make any further statement on the subject of the coming changes than that now made.

JOHN MILLAR,

Deputy Minister.

Education Department, Toronto, December, 1894.