

of high character and unimpeachable honour, from whom he can draw his advisory body, appoint as Inspectors, and, in rotation, select as examiners. As far as practicable, the Committee should represent the different departments of the teaching profession, but it is an imperative necessity that it should be composed of men who will command respect, not only for their qualifications but for their punctilious regard for fair and honourable dealing. There are two or three members of the present Committee, we may remark, who may safely form the nucleus of a reorganized body, but whether or not, there are surely, in connection with educational affairs in the Province, men of more than hammer and tongs qualifications, who possess the instincts of gentlemen, and may be trusted to conduct themselves as such—men whose scholarship and teaching attainments are marked by breadth and tone, and who, in their personal demeanour and contact with their fellows are untainted by Philistinism and innocent of the arts of the showman. Mr. Crooks's duty, at all events, is plain. The cry has gone forth, in tones that cannot be mistaken, that the people of the Province will have no more scandals in connection with the Department of Education. If the Minister wishes to escape the continued vivisection to which the Press, irrespective of party, has for the past two months subjected him, he will speedily address himself to the reorganization of his advisory body and put himself unmistakably on record as preferring the highest and most permanent interests of education to those which party connection and office-inheritance have calamitously fastened upon him. Thus will he, in the first place, restore an era of grateful journalistic peace, in regard to a most forbidding subject, and in the second, save his administration from becoming, unless the just outcry against it be appeased, "a by-word and a hissing in the land."

THE PRESS AND EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

IN the current criticism of the public journals, anent the unhappy subjects now up for

discussion connected with educational administration, two gratifying facts have been made apparent, viz., the hearty interest our people take in educational affairs, and the sincere desire of the press to discuss matters appertaining thereto apart from politics. Canadian journalism has, in regard to the discussion, risen to the high water mark of ability and enterprise, and shewn in a marked degree how independent it can be of party trammels in the presence of a grave and important subject. The non-party press is of course no less to be commended for the line it has taken on the question; and the criticism of the *Bystander*, the *Canadian Monthly*, and the *Toronto Telegram*, has been both helpful and sound. The *Mail*, from the earliest outbreak of the discussion, has done good service, and is yet rendering it, with the admirable judgment, good taste, and intimate knowledge of facts which of late years has signally characterized its writing on this and kindred subjects. Outside of Toronto, both questions—that of the Central Committee and that of the University appointments—have received almost daily attention from the press of the two parties, and have been discussed with intelligence and fairness, as well as with a spirit not only gratifying to Canadian manliness and self-respect, but satisfactory to every dispassionate and high-minded critic. Of the criticism of the press of other centres nothing could well be more outspoken, and at the same time courteous and just, than that which has appeared in the leading journals of Hamilton, London, and other towns in the Province. The *Times* of Hamilton, and the *Advertiser* and *Free Press* of London, have each dealt with the topic in a series of articles that would do credit to the journalism of any land, while the *Stratford Beacon*, the *Guelph Herald*, the *London Herald*, the *Lindsay Post*, the *Galt Reformer*, and the *Norfolk Reformer*, have manifested a like intelligent and laudable interest in the discussion. Other journals, which have not come under our notice, we understand, have also come forward with important utterances on the subject, and we are perhaps not wrong in saying that of the country press there are