

Current Events.

The new Emperor, Frederick William, of Germany, has taken the very first opportunity to say a few words concerning education. "We must be careful," he says, "that through one-sided efforts for increased knowledge the task of education shall not be neglected. Only a generation growing up upon a sound basis, in the fear of God and in simplicity of morals can overcome dangers which in times of rapid economical movement arise for the entire community, through examples set by highly luxurious individuals." What an answer there is in this to those who sometimes think that there is such a thing as over education for the masses. Competition of intellect or in morals is no caste movement: the true socialist movement of the times has for its fundamental principle, the giving to every man his chance in life.

—Mr. Routh, the phenomenally successful Cambridge "coach," who has manufactured more Senior Wranglers than any other mathematical tutor that ever lived, is about to retire and enjoy his well-earned rest. He has been "coaching" students for the last thirty years, and during that period he has turned out no fewer than six or seven and twenty Senior Wranglers, besides innumerable mathematicians of less but high distinction. His old pupils intend to present Mrs. Routh with a testimonial on her husband's retirement, the testimonial to take the shape of Mr. Routh's portrait in oil by one of the best portrait painters of the day. Mr. Routh commenced his distinguished university career by being himself the Senior Wrangler of his year.

—The eighth general meeting of the Montreal McGill Normal School Teachers Association was held on the 24th of last month, in the Normal School Building. Mr. Arthy, the President, intimated that there would be only one meeting in March. Mr. Kneeland gave an interesting résumé of the recent educational events. He was followed by Miss Renmore, who discussed the question of text-books relating to the subjects of grammar, arithmetic, reading, writing and spelling. Miss Reed of the Hume Street School contributed a paper under the title of "The extent to which text-books may be used," and Mr. Parmalee continued the discussion.

—The introduction of Pitman's shorthand into Rugby School