

classes since its opening, and of these about two hundred are working in the cause of the Canadian Presbyterian Church. With the increasing prosperity of the College under Principal Cavan, the necessity of commodious and suitable buildings for College purposes became manifest. Two years ago the College Board, with the consent of the Assembly, made an appeal to the friends of Presbyterianism for aid in the erection of a new home for the College, which appeal was shortly responded to, and the work soon afterwards entered upon. The result of the energy of the College Board and professors, and of the liberality of friends of the cause, is seen in the handsome edifice which was opened yesterday.

The College building occupies a splendid site on the Crescent, which occupies the centre of Spadina avenue, just north of College-street. The design is Gothic. The block is planned in the form of the letter E, and is built of white brick, with stone trimmings. An exceedingly effective and artistic appearance has been obtained by relieving the outline of the building with a handsome tower, 130 feet high flanked on each side with stone pillars, carved stone capitals, tracery heads, and surmounted with moulded pinnacles and carved stone finials. The facade fronting the avenue has a length of 230 feet, and there are wings running north, each 150 feet long. The main entrance lobby, under the tower, is 15 feet wide, the floor covered with encaustic tiles, the roof being groined with oak moulded ribs resting on carved stone corbels. To the right and left of the main entrance are corridors ten feet wide, with arches at intervals, leading to the various classrooms, Professors' rooms, lecture-room and dining-hall. Of the class-rooms two are constructed to accommodate eighty students each, and two for fifty each. On the ground floor are also the Secretary's room, four rooms for Professors, Senate room, Visitors' room, kitchen, laundry, and other domestic offices, over which are servants' rooms. With a view to safety, the boiler room is placed outside the central portion of the main building, and is in connection with the cellars. Passing up a heavy oak staircase the first floor is reached. In a central position is the Library, 50 feet long by 30 feet wide, with reading rooms opening into it. Over the library is the museum, with handsome timbered roof. The lecture hall is a handsome apartment, high and well ventilated. Opposite the platform at the east end is a gallery approached by a stair running up in a tower over the east entrance, and also from the first floor. The hall has a rich, open timbered roof, and the windows are decorated with tinted glass. The building contains thirty-six rooms for students, each room averaging fourteen feet by twenty feet, thus affording accommodation for about eighty resident pupils. The bath rooms, etc., are very complete. The heating will be done by steam, and the different apartments will be ventilated by a system of flues connected with the boilers. The roof is covered with slates laid on felt. The work has been carried to a successful completion under the direction of a committee connected with the college.—*Globe*.

**EDUCATIONAL ITEMS.**—James Loudon, Esq., M.A., Mathematical Tutor in University College, Toronto, has been appointed Professor of Mathematics in the University of Toronto, *vice* John B. Cherriman, Esq., M.A., appointed General Inspector of Insurance Companies in Canada. Alfred Baker, Esq., M.A., Mathematical Master of U. C. College, takes Mr. Loudon's place as Mathematical Tutor of University College.—The Montreal Presbyterian College was recently opened with an address by the Rev. Prof. Campbell on a "Lost Race," and the Montreal Wesleyan Theological College was also opened about the same time, with an address on the "Relation of Methodist Theology to Progress," by Rev. James Roy, M. A.—At a recent meeting of the South Hastings Teachers' Institute, Mr. Gardner gave some timely and valuable hints upon organizing school government and teaching. Mr. Shannon gave his method of teaching the tablets and second part of first book, and also the limit to which pupils should be taken in arithmetic while in these books. Prof. Dawson followed, and gave an excellent discourse upon the amount of assistance to be given pupils in the different classes, advising teachers to assist those who are just beginning, and gradually withdraw this help as pupils become able to help themselves.—At the recent meeting of the West Durham Teachers' Association arrangements were made for competitive examinations next year, and suggestions regarding teachers' certificates and the superannuation fund. The Rev. Mr. Doxala, of Port Hope, delivered a highly entertaining lecture on Thomas Arnold in the evening.

**AT BRANTFORD,** after receiving an address from the Corporation, the Lieut.-Governor visited the Institute for the Blind. Here he was shown over the building by the courteous officials, and minutely inspected the many improvements made for the comfort and convenience of the inmates, expressing himself highly pleased with its excellent arrangements. After partaking of lunch, he was conveyed to the Young Ladies' College. He was received by the directors and they, in company with the faculty and students, presented him with an address, as follows: "In the name of the directors, faculty and students of the Young Ladies' College, we heartily welcome your Honor to this College, both as representative of our most Gracious Queen in this Province, and as occupying a high place in the esteem and affections of its people. We recognise your deep interest in and your earnest desire to promote the welfare of all our educational institutions. We believe that you will countenance and encourage, by every means which your high station permits, the furtherance of collegiate learning in the Province. Not less will you, we trust, give the weight of your interest to such efforts as ours to promote the higher education of women. For this end this College obtained a charter of incorporation from the Legislature. Its avowed aim is to provide for young ladies whose means and opportunities of learning are not encouraged in our national universities, although they are as capable as their brothers. We are happy to say that our College received the approval of His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin, Governor-General of the Dominion, and that the dedication stone was

laid by Her Excellency the Countess. We have much pleasure in calling your Honor's attention to the beauty of the location and the surroundings of the College, and to the elegance and arrangements of the buildings. These make it a beautiful and attractive home for young ladies while pursuing their studies within its walls. While the College is under the guardianship of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, it is yet, in its course of instruction, in the fullest sense unsectarian. Since opening last year it has met with so much favour from the community at large, as to warrant the conviction that its success is now beyond a doubt. Your Honor is now surrounded by a band of intelligent young ladies, whose desire to obtain the higher learning and accomplishments which this College affords to its students is itself an evidence that such institutions as this are both wanted and appreciated in this Province. We sincerely thank your Honor for your gracious visit to our College. We wish you great prosperity in the administration of the public offices entrusted to your care. We earnestly hope that the Divine blessing may rest on your Honor's government, person, and household." After making suitable replies, His Honor was escorted to the station.

At Guelph the Lieut.-Governor visited the Agricultural College. The College is at present full, having about thirty resident students, but when the increased accommodation is provided there will be room for at least twenty more. The Agriculture and Arts Association is building a Veterinary School adjacent to the College building. On reaching the Study Hall, his Honor was received by the assembled students, one of whom, Mr. J. A. Campbell, presented him with the following address:—"We, the students of the Ontario School of Agriculture, take the liberty of addressing you on the occasion of this visit to our Farmers' College, the youngest of your public institutions. We are proud, on the one hand, of having the privilege of welcoming a distinguished Canadian as the representative of our Sovereign, and on the other, of our connection with an educational institution which, in our humble opinion, is one of the most important the Province possesses. Established as it was for the purpose of training such as we are in the science and practice of Agriculture, and conducting experiments at the public expense, which, single handed, no one in this new land could undertake, we are enabled to testify that in our humble judgment it will speedily attain that end, and thus, by indirectly increasing the quantity and quality of agricultural products, greatly augment the material wealth of our country. Whilst your Honor may observe the results of our physical labours in the improvements in which we have assisted, we well know that years must elapse ere the results of our technical training can be appreciably felt. Taking this visit as a pledge of your interest in our institution, we would respectfully ask you to remember us in your yearly appropriation by a liberal provision. And although it may be the rosy dawn read by youth's eyes on the cloud of the future, we nevertheless firmly believe that the objects for which this institution was established will be attained, and can only promise that every action of ours will be directed towards the attainment of so desirable an end." His Honor said he was exceedingly obliged to the students for their address. This was the first visit he had ever paid to an institution of this kind, and he hoped that if required others would be established throughout the country. He should assist as far as possible in making them successful. He was not quite a stranger to agricultural pursuits, and so would be able to form an opinion on what he should see on the farm. He should be always ready to sign any document which was designed to carry out the wishes expressed by the students.

**WOODSTOCK LITERARY INSTITUTE.**—During the recent visit of the Premier of Ontario to Woodstock, at the opening of the Port Dover and Lake Huron Railroad, the following address was presented to him by the authorities of the Literary Institute:—

"The professors and teachers of the Canadian Literary Institute most cordially welcome you on this your first visit to the Institute, and most sincerely thank you for the honour you have done to the school under their charge. We are here laying the foundations of a good education, as broadly and strongly as we are able, and are confidently anticipating, as the demands before us increase, that the means of carrying the structure yet higher, and of perfecting its details, will be provided. We depend entirely upon voluntary contributions, and we have never asked or received Government aid in any form. As citizens of this great country we simply ask "Fair play and no favours." We are prompted to make this brief confession of our faith on this occasion by the conviction that we are addressing one who not only strongly sympathises in our work, but who cordially supports the principles upon which it is conducted. We are enjoying a privilege in being permitted to address a gentleman so highly distinguished, not only by position, or by his great general services rendered to this country, but by signal services rendered to the cause of education, to which our lives are pledged. And should the Hon. Mr. Crooks become Minister of Education, as currently reported, we are fully persuaded that yet greater service will be rendered to that cause which lies at the foundation of our country's welfare. In addressing you upon an occasion like this we cannot forget that our lot is cast in "old Oxford," which proudly claims to be central in position, to be accessible from all quarters, to be healthy in climate, liberal in sentiment and progressive in spirit, and which, over and above all this, has covered herself with honour by electing the foremost men in the Government of Ontario. We are proud of our representatives, and we are proud of old Oxford for standing by them so grandly. In conclusion, as teachers of the Institute, we strongly sympathise with our fellow