

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY desires to thank the friends who have contributed to its pages for years, and specially those who have rendered valuable assistance during the last few months.

By the will of the late Hon. John Hamilton, of Montreal, Trinity College, Toronto, receives a legacy of \$2,500. Knox College also receives a similar benefaction of a somewhat larger amount from the late Mr. Bowman, of Toronto.

DR. WHITE has issued his first report as superintendent of the Cincinnati schools, and in it he holds the census-taker responsible for inaccurate returns concerning school population. For instance, in 1885, the children of school age, as reported, were 10,000 more than in 1887, though the city had grown rapidly in the two years, and of course these 10,000 were added to non-school-going children. This experience is not at all new to Ontario. The population steadily increases, but according to reports from education department the number of children of school age diminishes.

A DISTINGUISHED Englishman, poet, critic, scholar and thinker, passed suddenly away a few days since. Matthew Arnold, full of work and influence, the foe of the Philistines, the strong pleader for light and culture, for tolerance and advancement, in the "sounding labour-house vast of being," will lift his voice no more here. The circumstances of his death will recall to many the very similar circumstances of the death of the great head master of Rugby, his father. Mr. Arnold had written many books,

and is well known and gratefully remembered in the educational and literary world for his services to his fellow-teachers and to his country.

UNIVERSITY OF MCGILL, MONTREAL.—The Annual Arts Convocation of McGill University was held on the afternoon of April 30th. The proceedings were of an unusually interesting character, being graced by the presence of our highly esteemed Governor General and his Lady, on what we regret to know must be their farewell visit. The medals and scholarships were presented as usual. The Chancellor, Sir William Dawson, conferred the degree of B.A. on eighteen gentlemen, a distinguished company of eight young ladies also graduated, amid great enthusiasm. This number, the first to benefit by the timely and princely generosity of Sir Donald Smith, will doubtless be the forerunner of many others, cultured and refined young women, who will go out to bless our Canadian homes. We congratulate historic McGill, on being the first among our seats of learning, to provide a *separate* and *suitable* course of college instruction for women.

WE direct the special attention of our readers to the selection we have made this month from the London *Queen*. The things which the *Queen* finds wanting in England, want of knowledge of house-keeping, want of skill to make a bed, or mend a stocking; and those things which it finds, meals badly cooked, but extravagant in cost, dirt abounding in the house, husbands driven from the "home" in sheer disgust. These things, we are sorry to say, are not confined to England; here, in Canada, we have the same things. The same difficul-