

which indicate a varied course of study and an efficient staff to teach and direct it. From Brantford, Whitby, and St. Catharines Collegiate Institutes we have the annual announcements covering the courses of study etc. in connection with these Secondary schools. In the Brantford Calendar we note a comparative table, contrasting the number of, and the honors taken by, the successful candidates with those of other High Schools and Collegiate Institutes. While not denying Mr. Hodgson the credit of his school's record, we deprecate this method of advertising the Institute, by making invidious comparisons, which tend to break up the *esprit de corps* of the profession, and which do not, after all, fairly determine the general merit of either master or school. Having said this, let us do justice to Mr. Hodgson, by re-stating the record of the school at the June examinations, which we are reminded we had given incorrectly in our last issue. The result should be, number of Candidates passed, 16; number of 1st. class honors, 10; of 2nd. class, 20; and number of scholarships, 2. St. Catharines, as usual, presents a strong and attractive programme, with a staff extensive and competent. Whitby sends us a carefully prepared Calendar, the Institute being under good management, which is now further strengthened by the recent accession to the staff of Mr. Harstone, B.A., as Mathematical master, and of Mr. A. G. Henderson, who takes charge of the Commercial and English department of the school.

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Now that Mr. Buchan has accepted the Principalship of Upper Canada College, it will be in order to speculate upon the man likely to succeed him in the Inspectorate. It is given out that the Minister of Education is going to try to get along with two instead of three High School Inspectors, a suggestion some time ago made in these columns, and one that might well be acted upon, so long, at any rate, as inspection of the High Schools and Institutes means no more than it does at present. Of course, if Departmental duties are to be added, in giving

attention to Examination appeals, serving on the Central Committee, besides inspecting the Normal and the Separate schools, three men will still be required to overtake the work. In that case, there must be another appointment. Who the coming man will be, many will be curious to know. If he is to be drawn, as we take it he must be, from the ranks of the Head Masters of High Schools or Collegiate Institutes, there are not many eligible as the successor of Mr. Buchan, whose speciality is "Moderns" and who is particularly strong in "English." The one man who occurs to us as being the most fit for the office, is Mr. Seath, of St. Catharines. He is not a "Moderns" man—Classics and Natural Science are his specialities—but there is no one, we venture to say, better up in "English." The fear, however, is that, were the position offered to him, he would decline to accept it. Next after him, as a specialist in English, the name of Mr. Williams, of Collingwood, will occur to most of our readers. His claims being undoubtedly good, Mr. Williams would stand well in the running. The names of Mr. Armstrong, late of Hamilton, Mr. Chase, late of Galt, and perhaps a few other Under Masters, will also occur to those who associate the office with a proficient in "English." But both of these gentlemen we have named have recently retired from the profession, and are not likely to be in the race. Whoever the new appointee will be, we can but express the hope, that he will be the best man for the post.

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THE ANNUAL meeting of the CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY Publishing Company was held at the offices of the Company in Toronto on the 13th of August last. A large attendance testified to the enthusiastic interest in the enterprise on the part of the stockholders, and much gratification was expressed at the excellent financial position of the Company, at the good work THE MONTHLY was doing, and at the prospect of greatly increased influence for the publication, consequent upon its rapidly-extending