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"How are things going at the school?" inquired the inspector.

"Oh, fine," was the reply.

"How are the teachers?"

"Fine," returned the youth.

"You have a teacher named Crawford," continued the inquisitor, "how is he doing?"

"Oh, fine," returned the youth once more, leaving the disclosure of his identity until they met again inside.

When he graduated from the University of Toronto, Henry J. Crawford was gold medalist in classics. After that he returned to his native county and taught for a few terms at Belleville. The next four years of his career were passed at Seaforth Collegiate Institute, and here, "as a member of the Seaforth Hurons, he was known as one of the greatest forwards playing soccer in Canada". Again, at the Parkdale Collegiate Institute, of which he was classical master for more than thirteen years, he showed great interest in athletics, himself

coaching his boys in running, jumping, football and other sports. He left Parkdale to take charge of Riverdale Collegiate Institute, and there he was when the Faculty of Education asked him to become Head of the University Schools.

The fine buildings at the corner of Bloor Street and Spadina Avenue, Toronto, were then ready for occupation, and there were boys desiring admission, but the Schools as an organic whole had no existence. All was to do, the "scouting for masters", the organizing of staff and classes, the encouragement of school athletics, the fostering of worthy traditions, the inspiration of a school spirit that should stand for what is worth while in life with boys and "old boys". The work was onerous and the responsibilities great, but probably rested no more heavily on the broad shoulders of the experienced man than had the burden of his first class on the back of the sixteen-year-old lad.