

trusted. Equally expedient is it that he should ride no hobbies, and have no axe to grind in his intercourse with the profession. Commercial alliances, we need hardly say, should be scrupulously shunned, and his hands, above all things, kept clean from publishing house subsidies. In the matter of examinations, here also should he be just. Many interests are dependent on his faithfulness, and large trusts are committed to his judgment and discretion. To be swayed by prejudice, or to be partizan from dislike, would be to degrade his judicial office. In all his intercourse, the Inspector should most shew himself a man of probity and of honour. Every act should be "above board," and there should be no tergiversation, no double-dealing. Confidence should be encouraged, and frankness responded to and respected. The contagion of good manners, moreover, should never be lost sight of. It is the best solvent of difficulties, and works "like a charm" upon irritation. In the class-room repellent looks and frigidity of manner should be alien to the place. "Bullying and catchy tricks," of course, are never the resorts of a gentleman. To no influence do the pupils more readily respond than to kindness of speech and a sympathetic mood. These should, therefore, be in large and constant exercise. Working in this spirit, the best results will wait upon the Inspector's labours. The profession, also, will be more closely brought together. In closing let us add, that the higher the Inspector's conception is of the principles that should govern his conduct, the more beneficently will he influence that of others.

SPECIMEN numbers of two new College Serials, representing undergraduate interests,

at Toronto and Trinity Universities, respectively, have recently come to our hand. "The White and Blue" appears under the auspices of University College Literary and Scientific Society, and is announced to appear every Saturday morning of the Academic year. "Rouge et Noir," is the *Quarterly* of the students of Trinity College, and the Post-Captains of that institution. A prosperous wind to the dual Argosy!

WE have received Inspector Somerset's "REPORT FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN" for 1879. We are glad to notice that two of the most important subjects in the public school course—writing and spelling, show marked improvement. He urges greater attention, on the part of teachers, to neatness and system in working questions in arithmetic, and in teaching geography. The attention of trustees is directed to the necessity of keeping their school-houses clean and in proper repair; and parents are urged to secure greater regularity of attendance at school on the part of their children. One of the most serious faults Mr. Somerset notices is the frequent change of teachers, quite as serious a fault is the preponderance of teachers with a low certificate. There are only two teachers holding first class provincial certificates in Mr. Somerset's Inspectorate, while sixty per cent of the whole number are third class. The statistics he appends to his report should awaken trustees to the fact that the low grade teacher is not the most successful. In every instance the second or first class teacher's scholars show the best results. The average attendance is but fifty-two per cent of the registered attendance. Though this is very low, it is higher than that for the whole province.

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CORRECTION.—In the report of the proceedings of the North Hastings Teachers' Association which appeared in our last number, the name of the President of the Association, Mr. Wm. Mackintosh, I.P.S., by some inadvertence was appended to it, leading to the inference that the report was furnished by that gentleman. This was not the case, and it is due to Mr. Mackintosh to say so, lest any reader of THE MONTHLY should suppose that the personal reference to the President which appears in the report was made by the gentleman referred to. Mr. Mackintosh had nothing to do with drawing up the report or with its transmission to us.—ED. C. E. M.