

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is reported that the teaching staff of the School of Practical Science is to be increased by the appointment of one or two lecturers. The present staff is over-wrought, and the work is not done as the members thereof would like; the addition, we hope, will prove a strength, and thus afford a much needed relief.

"THE Pleasurable in School-work" by the editor of the *Educational Record*, Province of Quebec, will be found in this number of our magazine. Dr. Harper takes exception to the views of the "Wizard of the North" found in the extract at the head of his article; to us it seems they are both at one; the great "Unknown" would be the last man in "broad Scotland" to look unkindly on the lad or lassie who would learn "as the bird sings" the lessons from book or life. Evidently his contention is, be prepared for the work of life, with joy, if possible, but be prepared. So, we take it, every wise educator strives.

J. M. ASHLEY, M.A., Oxford, has been appointed to the new Chair of Political Science in the University of Toronto. From statements made, we infer that there was full scope for the exercise of choice. In making appointments for the performance of work in any department in Canada, we believe those making such appointments, other things being equal, will consult the best interests of the country by selecting a Canadian; the reasons are quite obvious and need not be here enumerated. The Chair of Political Science is a peculiar one, the occupant of which has to deal with questions in regard to which there is much diversity of opinion, and therefore the discussion will require care and prudence. There can be no

doubt as to Mr. Ashley's academic qualifications for the position he is called upon to fill; time only will show whether he has the much higher qualities of work and wisdom required for this new and important Chair. We wish him high success in the performance of his important duties to the University and to the country.

We desire to inform our readers, at the request of the Chairman of the Sociological Committee of the Canadian Institute, Toronto, that this committee has recently issued a circular requesting information from all who may be able to give it, in regard to the political and social institutions, customs and beliefs, habits, etc., etc., of the Indians of Canada and the North-West. We cordially commend this matter to our readers, and trust that any of them who have access to such information will communicate with Mr. T. B. Browning, the chairman of the Sociological Committee, who will at once forward to them a copy of the circular.

We have received the prospectus of the College of Practical Science and Agriculture for Eastern Ontario, which it is proposed to found in Kingston, in affiliation with Queen's University. The intention of the promoters is to form a joint stock company with a capital of \$50,000 in 2,000 shares of \$25 each, the company to be known by the title above quoted. The management of the college is to be vested in a Board of Directors to be appointed by the shareholders. The following subjects will be taught during the first session: Principles of Agriculture, Agricultural Chemistry, Veterinary Science, Dairying, Measurement of Land, Practical Geometry and Geometrical Drawing. The fol-