

—The Dominion History Competition under the supervision of a Committee of which Principal Patterson of the Royal Arthur School is the Secretary will take place on July 1st 1895, the time having been extended for six months beyond the time formerly agreed upon. The Committee grants this extension through a desire that the time for the task in hand be ample, and does so without knowing the names of those who have asked for additional time. The hope is accordingly entertained that the change will be found to be in the interest of all competitors and be helpful in producing a better text book than would be secured in a competition unduly hurried.

—Max O'Rell in a late communication says: "You may happen to know that some years ago I was one of the masters of St. Paul's School. I resigned that position in 1884. Ever since then, whenever an Englishman has wished, through the press or otherwise, to make himself particularly disagreeable, he has hurled at me the epithet of 'schoolmaster.' Now, sir, in France, many of our ministers and ambassadors are ex-schoolmasters. The President of the Senate is one. So are many Academicians. Alphonse Daudet and Francisque Sarcey are two others who constantly boast of it. In Italy, teaching is the profession of predilection among the nobility. I am very curious to know whether in England there is any disgrace attached to the calling, and if so, why?"

—In referring to the humorist's criticism, the *School Journal* of Toronto makes the remark. "It may be that some teachers in Canada are nettled occasionally by some lack of social consideration from people of a certain class. The question of social recognition and consideration by any class whose opinions are worth notice is in the hands of the teachers themselves. Let them show themselves on all occasions possessed of high intelligence and true refinement, and the doors of all social circles that are really worth entering will soon be thrown freely open to them."

—The College of Preceptors, London, England, has just established a training College for masters in Secondary schools, an undertaking in which they will have the interest and sympathy of all educators. The Principal of the new Training College is Dr. J. J. Findlay, M.A., who has had a distinguished academic career at Oxford and in Germany, has been a master at Rugby, and Principal at Queen's College, Taunton. He has lately been in Canada, engaged in drawing up a report on the schools of the United States and Canada, in the capacity of assistant commissioner of the Secondary Education Commission.