

Editorial

Resignation of Dr. Parkin.

Dr. Parkin's valedictory address marks the close of an important epoch in the history of the College. Seven years ago, when he took up the duties of Principal, he had to meet a condition of affairs difficult in the extreme. He found the College, to some extent at least, discredited among the public. He found it suffering within from this lack of support and from the absence of what is quite as essential to a great public school, an elevated and healthy tone. This unfortunate situation he faced with enthusiasm and energy. No one can forget his determined efforts to stamp out what he thought to be harmful to school life; his resolution to secure the confidence of those outside, and to build up the institution by giving it high ideals, by improving the equipment, and by enlarging and beautifying the grounds. It was to these ends that he applied himself during the years of his administration—how successfully, those who knew the school in 1895 and know it now can give ample testimony. To-day the boys of Upper Canada College bear its stamp upon them and live up to the best traditions of three-quarters of a century. The house attendance has considerably more than doubled in seven years; altogether, the enrolment falls just below three hundred. The grounds have increased in size by thirty acres. The improvements in the main building, the avenues of trees, the Lodge, the Hospital, the Preparatory School, the change in the governing body, all go to show that under Dr. Parkin improvement was rapid and unceasing. In view of these facts, in the knowledge that either directly or indirectly Dr. Parkin accomplished so much for the College, the Board of Governors are able to say that his work has been of "paramount importance to the institution."

His Services Recognized.

It is a pleasure to note the generous expression which the Old Boys have given to their appreciation of Dr. Parkin's services. As their report says, he leaves the school in a state of prosperity directly attributable to his able administration. "There has been no project advanced for the improvement of the College which has not received from him fair consideration, and, where feasible, been adopted. Beyond all this the parents of the boys have felt during his regime that the mental and moral interests of their sons were in safe hands. . . . He has maintained, and more than maintained, the high standard which the friends of the College have a right to expect from its Principal." The members of the Board of Governors, elected by the Association,