

testify to wide acquirements, activity, industry and rare endowments. On the Council of Public Instruction, Ontario, for a few years prior to its abolition, Prof. Daniel Wilson, together with Prof. Goldwin Smith, represented the teachers of Ontario. In 1885 he was elected President of the literary section of the Royal Society of Canada, and in 1888 he received the honour of Knighthood from Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

In the class-room he was genial and inspiring. His continuous work of philanthropy and his pronounced Christian character indicate to us all that in very many aspects of human life in its highest and noblest forms, he has left us a worthy example to profit by and follow.

SCHOOL OF PEDAGOGY.

THE Minister of Education has made important changes in the provisions for the professional training of High School teachers. What is more properly theoretical and scientific will hereafter be completed before any attempt is made to give practical application of the principles in the school-room. The next session of the School of Pedagogy will extend from the first Monday in September to the third Friday in December. Those who pass the examination at the close will receive interim certificates, which will qualify them to teach in any High School for six months. They will then undergo a final examination in practical work, conducted by the High School inspectors or other persons appointed for the purpose. On the joint report of these examiners, and that of the principals of the schools under whom the apprentices were engaged, the awarding of certificates will be determined.

It is contended that this change from the plan heretofore followed will

give more freedom to the School of Pedagogy in the selection of lecturers on methods of teaching. Instead of ten or a dozen practice lessons in the Toronto Collegiate Institutes, teachers in training will have six months regular work as ordinary assistants in a High School or Collegiate Institute. The practice teaching will be freed from artificial conditions, and the candidate for a certificate will receive advice and criticism from a principal who will, in all probability, desire to retain him as an assistant. A year's training is still required, but during the six months of practical work there will be a chance for a candidate to earn a fair salary. The knowledge of pedagogical principles required before gaining an interim certificate will avoid any objectionable experimenting on a class of pupils, and the final test will weed out in six months those who have mistaken their calling.

THE DOMINION EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, JULY, 1892.

WE have kept our readers fully posted on all matters affecting the meeting of the Dominion Educational Association, which held its first Convention in the city of Montreal during the first week in July. The first session of the Association was in the afternoon of Tuesday; when able and kindly addresses of welcome to the members of the Association were delivered by Sir J. W. Dawson, McGill, Hon. G. Ouimet, Chief Superintendent of Education, Quebec, by the Chancellor of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Principal Adams of the same institution, likewise by the Presidents of the Teachers' Association of Quebec, both Roman Catholic and Protestant. Spirited and fitting replies were made to these friendly words of welcome by the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, Ontario, Superintendent