

dianom, with all its traditional claims to social prestige and to dignified, unsweating success. For the new appointment means, we take it, that the institution is to be brought into line with the High School system of the Province, with which the new principal is largely identified, and in the working of which he has had great experience. The question now arises, seeing that the College is to be so transformed, will the country acquiesce in Toronto having two High Schools, or rather Collegiate Institutes; and if so, will the existing Institute be content to see this new one have any advantage over it in endowment, or in the extent of the staff with which it is to be worked? This is a question that we doubt not will exercise the minds of all masters of High Schools; and it will furnish a new grievance to the country members of the Local House which will be sure to be ventilated, to Mr. Crooks's certain disquietude, next session. Rather than this change, we would personally have preferred to see Upper Canada College retire with dignity from its encounter with the inevitable, or to have it turn its attention, as Mr. Goldwin Smith suggested, to the education, with the facilities which Toronto University affords, of students of the other sex. Meantime, we can only wait further developments, and wish Mr. Buchan the success which ought to wait upon the efforts which we are sure he will put forth in the direction the authorities—whether of the University Senate or of the Education Department—have decided upon. In the present state of feeling against the institution, any change would be eyed with disfavour; and for that reason Mr. Buchan's assumption of his duties as principal claim, from his friends at least, consideration. Mr. Cockburn, we must not omit to say, has at the same time our sympathies. He is at present the victim of fate and of Mr. Crooks, though he must long have foreseen that he, if not the College with him, was doomed. His long service to the institution, however, and the general excellence which has marked the administration of his *régime*, entitle him to the consideration of more than officialdom. He has, we believe, honestly and faithfully

done his duty to the College; and though not a man of superlative scholarship, nor a devotee of the cloistered cell, he has made an acceptable headmaster, and maintained a tolerable record for the institution under his charge. Of late years he has been hard pressed by the competition and the successes of the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes; and if these have paled the lustre of his own achievements, it only proves how anomalous has been the position of the College, and how unwise it is to court distinction for it in its present isolation from the general ranks of our Secondary Schools.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CALENDARS.

THE scholastic year begins once more, and with it we have the usual crop of College Calendars, two of them emanating from those active centres of culture, Queen's University, Kingston, and Victoria University, Cobourg. In contrast with the activity shewn by these institutions, our Provincial University seems to fall behind in the race. Referring to Queen's University, we note that its faculty has just been augmented by the acquisition of a Canadian graduate of Oxford University, Mr. Jno. Fletcher, who has been appointed to the chair of Classics in "Queen's." Of Victoria University, our readers will be glad to know that we have enlisted the Chemistry professor, Dr. Haanel, in the work of THE MONTHLY—this noted chemist having kindly sent us solutions to the Chemistry paper which he prepared for the last Intermediate Examination, and to be found elsewhere in our columns. We have also the Calendar of the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School, Toronto. The extent of its course, and the liberal spirit exhibited in the choice of theological text-books, are to be commended, and contrast favourably with the dogmatic narrowness of the administration of other Anglican Colleges. The growth of Educational institutions in the interest of the fair sex is evidenced by the appearance of Calendars from the Ottawa Ladies' College, and the Wesleyan Female College at Hamilton, both of