

of Mr. Spencer's work on "Education" having appeared in France, under the authority of the Minister of Education. The passages expunged, it appears, are those antagonistic to classical studies, but surely this suppression of an author's views on an important topic is not deemed a moral proceeding, and cannot have the approval of the literary world of France. We trust that in France they do not suffer from the infliction of a "Central Committee," though this proceeding would make it probable.

THE London *Advertiser* of the 25th inst. has the following with respect to Upper Canada College :

"Of course a good many Torontonians of all shades of political opinion are against meddling with Upper Canada College. Traditional feeling and local attachment make them fancy that the interests of the community would suffer if that establishment was abolished. There is, however, no need for its being abolished. If those who are in its favour think it is such a mighty institution for good, they have only to put their hands in their pockets, form a joint stock company, buy the whole plant from the Government, and run it as a private adventure. If it is so good and so indispensable there can be no reason to fear that it will sink so soon as it is deprived of official patronage and Government pap (?). The fact is, the Upper Canada College has served its turn, and one might as well retain a crutch after he can walk with perfect comfort and success, simply to shew his gratitude and maintain his limp."

THE volume of "The Dominion Annual Register and Review for 1879," which just reaches us as we go to press, has the following in regard to THE MONTHLY, under its critique upon the educational literature of the year: "An important auxiliary to educational progress in Ontario is THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY, edited by Mr. G. Mercer Adam, Toronto. The contents of the various numbers issued during the year embrace a varied field, of value not only for teachers and professors, but for every one interested in educational topics. Questions are treated in that spirit of *fairness and candour* which is best calculated to promote the laudable object the promoters of this publi-

cation have in view." The "Dominion Annual Register" is edited by Mr. Henry J. Morgan, of Ottawa, assisted by a staff of writers, and is an enterprise which should be largely supported by those who value an able historical record of the progress of the Dominion.

A CANADIAN edition of Abbott and Seeley's "English Lessons for English Readers" has just been published by Messrs. Willing & Williamson, Toronto. The work is a useful handbook for students, and contains some valuable chapters, written in a clear and popular style, on the analysis of our English vocabulary. It will be of special service to those desiring to practise, or to perfect themselves in, English composition. Students of English poetry will here find a clear account of the various metrical forms, and writers of verse will do well to read the chapter on the peculiar laws by which English verse is regulated. At the close of the book are some excellent chapters on fallacies in reasoning. This, the most useful result to be gained by a study of formal logic, is here put before the student in a few pages in lucid and simple language. We recommend the work to all teachers.

THE annual distribution of prizes at the Toronto Collegiate Institute, awarded as the result of the examination on the general school work of the year, took place on the 21st inst., in the presence of a large number of friends of the Institute, his Worship the Mayor presiding. Speeches were delivered by Prof. Goldwin Smith and other educationists, who complimented the Rector, Mr. Archibald MacMurchy, M.A., and his staff, on the continued success of the Institution. The Rector cited the following as among the recent records of progress which the Institute had made, viz.: that six boys had obtained twenty-three honors at the Junior Matriculation Examination; that thirteen of the scholars, including one girl, had matriculated at the Toronto University this year, and one at Queen's College, Kingston. Besides these successes, two girls had been prepared for the University of Toronto Ex-