

literary point of view, the most successful term the Institute has ever passed.

In looking abroad we notice much activity in educational circles both at home and in the United States. Our Public Schools are being greatly improved, and a very important step is about to be taken in the appointment of a Minister of Education. Colleges and Collegiate Institutes are being established in several places, while our Universities are more largely attended than ever. In the United States great enthusiasm is being manifested in the Centennial movement, All seem unanimous in the determination that the beginning of the second century of their national existence shall find their colleges in a position to give a thorough and liberal education at the least possible expense. The movement is very promising, and reflects great credit on its promoters. We are pleased to join other friends of education in wishing it every success.

In presenting this number of the TYRO, we embrace the opportunity to thank our subscribers and friends for their kindness, and to solicit a continuance of the same. And now a "Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all."

LOCAL ITEMS.

WE are pleased to note the visit Hon. Oliver Mowat, Premier of Ontario, made us during the term. After assembling in the lecture-room, a very appropriate address was read by Dr. Fyfe, to which the Hon. gentleman replied in a most able and complimentary speech. He concluded by asking a half-holiday for the students, which was duly granted.

PROF. TAVERNER of Knox College, Toronto, delivered a course of lectures on Elocution to a large class of our students.