

Principal Jamieson.—In May last in these notes reference was made to many recent withdrawals from service of well-known headmasters of High Schools. These withdrawals of teachers crowned with years and honours mark the growing importance of the High School teacher. High school teaching has developed its own traditions and its own corporate spirit. It is a profession to which able men and women may now devote a whole lifetime of service.

Another of our Ontario headmasters withdrew from active service at the end of the school year in June, when Mr. J. S. Jamieson resigned the headmastership of Morrisburg Collegiate Institute, a position which he had held for thirty-one years. Mr. Jamieson was born in Carleton County in 1844 and spent his early years on the farm, working in summer and attending school in winter. After securing the necessary certificates, chiefly by private study, he taught the public school at Glen Tay, in the county of Lanark for two years and then entered Victoria University. He obtained the degree of B.A. in 1875 and M.A. in 1879. Since January 1876, he has been engaged in High School teaching, three years as headmaster in Pakenham, three years in a similar position in Carleton Place, one year on the staff in Perth teaching science and English, and the remaining thirty-one years in charge of secondary education in Morrisburg. This official record tells its own story of ability and of achievement! The other record, written in the lives of hundreds of professional and business men of Canada, is a record of patient, self-sacrificing devotion to the duties of the schoolmaster.

Dr. Embree.—And now Dr. L. E. Embree of the Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute, Toronto, withdraws. Those who know Dr. Embree do not regard him as an old man. It is true that he has lived and worked long among the schools. But he was always so alert, so industrious, so progressive, so young in body and mind that the teachers of Ontario never regarded him as an old man. Indeed he was not old until proved to be so by hasty and inexorable legislation of the superannuation committee of the Toronto Board of Education.

Dr. Embree was the dean of the educational staffs of the Province of Ontario, not by length of service only, but by the variety and excellence of that service. He has taught in schools outside the state system and within it. He has taught in primary schools, high schools, and the University. He has been a member of many of the great educational committees of Ontario during the last twenty years, and the president of every important educational association that assembles in Toronto. In all places and at all times he has stood for method, sound scholarship and untiring industry. The good wishes of the whole educational world of Ontario go with Dr. Embree into his retirement.