

the Lago de Lucino." Here the construction of the sentence makes one laugh both at the author and the princely house he is celebrating. Of course he meant that the fame of that public-spirited family would always be connected with the useful work in question, but unfortunately he did not say so. When we find such errors committed by a man like Professor Blackie, who enjoys all the advantages implied in the fact of his having the *entrée* into the columns of the best reviews of the day, we need not feel surprised that our own teachers in school and college are not always immaculate in their style and diction.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

THE proposal made by Mr. Crooks in the Legislature to sanction \$30,000 out of the Endowment Fund of Upper Canada College, for the erection of a new boarding-house in connection with the Institution, raised quite a little breeze in the House. The general feeling among members was that the usefulness of the Institution was gone, its defenders scarcely seeking to shew its necessity on the merits, but claiming sympathy for it on the ground of its being an old and time-honoured Institution. In its day, doubtless, Upper Canada College has done good work. It has turned out many men who have taken prominent positions in the community, and many, among them the Minister of Education himself, who take a pardonable pride in having been an old Upper Canada boy. But, unfortunately, these are not the days of sentiment. Upper Canada has a bright and honourable record, but the development of our Educational System has established in most of our larger cities and towns Collegiate Institutes, which have been and are doing better work than Upper Canada College, in the way of preparing pupils for the Universities. From being the principal feeder of the University, as it was twenty years ago, it has degenerated into a high-toned boarding school, exhibiting nothing very remarkable in its teaching or management. Nor is it fair to our Collegiate Institutes in Toronto

and outside, that an institution of the same grade should be heavily endowed by the Government, and its instructors paid high salaries, when experience has demonstrated that some of the best High Schools exhibit better results. Time was, of course, when Upper Canada needed endowment, but as things now stand, it should be either abolished or more closely affiliated with the University, say rather, absorbed by it. If its endowment and property were used for the purpose of placing the affairs of the University on a proper basis, in which a large expenditure of money must be made shortly, it would be more satisfactory to the country, and further the interests of general and higher education.—*Braunford Expositor*.

LITERARY AND PROFESSIONAL JOTTINGS.

WE learn that the Committee of the Council of Public Instruction (P.Q.), at its recent meeting at Quebec, appointed Mr. Mitchell, Rector of the High School of that city, a member of Committee for preparing Examination Papers for Teachers' Certificates for the Quebec Province.

THE English "Educational Year Book," published by Messrs. Cassell, we learn, has this year been enlarged in order to make room for such topics as female education, professional and technical education, etc. Additional matter has also been introduced into those sections which deal with middle-class schools, the universities, local examinations, etc.

THE Warden of the County of Wellington has acted in the interest of the important county whose affairs he presides over, by appointing Mr. Donald McCaig to the Public School Inspectorship, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Somerville. Mr. McCaig is admirably fitted for the position to which he has been appointed, as he has for more than twenty years taken an active, intelligent, and prominent part in Elementary Education, and all that pertains to the welfare of the profession. His extended experience and wide culture render him a particularly desirable acquisition to the Ontario Inspectorate. We wish him all success in his new sphere.