

not complimentary to the Colleges and Universities. But Mr. Carnegie, by this unexampled sum to his fellow-countrymen, shows to all men his high appreciation of the earnest and zealous study of abstract knowledge.

It is reported that there is a condition attached to the gift, viz., that the proceeds are to be used only in payment of the fees of students in attendance at the Universities. The authorities of education in Scotland may be trusted to make the best possible use of this most opportune gift, and it would be unfortunate to hamper them or the undergraduates in their hearty acceptance of a gift which does such high honor to the liberal donor.

The Convocation of the University of Toronto was held on the 7th June; the day was most favorable, the attendance large and distinguished, many honors and degrees were conferred, and all the parts of the long programme passed off with harmony.

The Chancellor, the Hon. Sir William Ralph Meredith, made a good presiding officer. Amongst the many who received degrees we may be allowed to mention two, Lord Minto, the Governor-General of Canada, and the poet and dramatist, Dr. Louis Honore Frechette, our fellow-subject from the Province of Quebec.

Both these gentlemen were received with cordial greetings, and each of them acknowledged the honor in happy and graceful words; Dr. Frechette seeing in the reception given him a recognition of his kindred in Quebec by the friendly race and fellow subjects in Ontario. So may it ever be: happy interchange of courtesies.

The Canada Educational Monthly to all educationists, teachers, and instructors, wishes a pleasant and refreshing holiday.

The Dominion Educational Association of Canada meets, during the

month of August, this year in the City of Ottawa, Ontario. Three years ago the meeting was held in the City of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Dominion Association, apparently for some reason or other, has not gotten much hold of the interest of the educators of Canada.

Each province has its Educational Association, appealing strongly to the local sentiments of the provincial teacher, urging him to, at least, support his special association. Then, there is a Teachers' Institute to attend each year, so that if a teacher attend the meetings of these professional bodies, he is apt to feel that he cannot attend any more association meetings for one year. The annual meetings of the National Educational Association of the United States of America, which meets this year just by our border in the fair City of Detroit, interferes with the success of our Dominion Association.

Perhaps the most important feature of the Association is that it presents to the most careless onlooker in a clear manner the unity of the whole Dominion. The multiplicity of the duties of the educator in the pressing provincial work is apt to close the eye to the wider national interests represented by the Dominion Association. We are glad, as we write elsewhere in this issue, that the women of Canada are taking up a part of the work which the Association has been addressing itself to in the past.

Whether the time has come, as assuredly it will, when an office established in Ottawa will collect information from the different provincial offices regarding the educational affairs of Canada, such as we have received lately from London, we do not pretend to say. But that the Reports issued from the Education Department, London, England, from the Special Enquiries Branch, under the supervision of the able and efficient director, Michael E. Sadler, M.A., are of the highest value to the British Empire, we hesitate not to aver.