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### ANNOUNCEMENT.

The ninth number of the "University Gazette" will contain an article on Tennyson's later Poems, by Mr. J. E. MacPherson.

### Editorials.

#### McGILL NORMAL SCHOOL.

The rapid strides which have been made in the common education of the people during the last decade, and the recognition of the importance of the duty devolving upon those engaged in the teaching of the rising generations, has given rise to what is known

as the "new profession." To maintain its prominence and reputation, and to prevent it from degenerating into a mere drudgery—a mere receptacle for those who, from lack of mental ability, or courage, are unable to enter the more exalted stations of life—the teacher should be thoroughly trained in the theoretical and practical arts of the profession. McGill, long since recognizing this great fact, and realizing her obligation in this respect, affiliated the Provincial Protestant Normal School. The number of teachers sent forth from the Normal School into the schools of the City of Montreal and throughout the Province, and the great reforms that have been accomplished by their influence, attest the wisdom of her course. The school system, now in operation in the Province, is largely the work of one of McGill's many distinguished men, and a pupil of the Normal School. The ardent men who have in the past been entrusted with the management of the school deserve great credit for the work they have done, and done so well. Undoubtedly many of their deficiencies are apparent to the present generation, but these were men who have done yeoman service in the cause of education in this Province. These men are one by one dropping from active duty, and their places are being filled by younger and more active workers. In selecting their successors, great care should be exercised by those in authority to appoint on'y those who are pre-eminently qualified, mentally and morally, to fill such very important and responsible positions; and great weight should be placed upon the educational attainments. Under a supervision of a man endowed with the keen and broad intellect of the present Principal, Dr. Robbins, little apprehension need be felt for the future success of the school.

Lately great exertions have been put forth to follow a course of study there which would lead directly to the Arts Course in the University, and this has so far been effected that this year the Academy class has been transferred to the first year in Arts, under certain conditions, which still connect the students with the Normal School. This is only as it should be, and the sooner that the authorities believe that the time has come to demand that aspirants for teachers in academies and the higher schools, should complete the full Arts Course, the better will it be for education in the Province. Ontario practically demands that