

affirmed, that the best educational periodical on the continent is our own venture, we are far too modest to say. The new enterprise is, however, to be welcomed, and in the interest in which it appears we give it hearty hail. Of the articles in the present number the contribution of an English educationist, the Rev. H. H. Quick, M.A., on "The Renaissance and its Influence on Education" is the most important, as it is the most thoughtful and scholarly. An unpardonable slip on the part of the Editor, however, appears in the article, in twice printing the title of Mr. Kinglake's classic work in the literature of travel, "Eothen," as "Esther." The quotation from the work is also inaccurately given. Dr. Harris's paper on "Text-Books and their Uses," rather spoils, than does credit to, a good subject. It is shallow and disappointing. Nor is Dr. McCosh's paper on "Harmony in Systems of Education" much better. The article, it strikes us, might have been better written by one of the Doctor's own students at Princeton. Both these papers are, however, relieved by Dr. Sears's article on "Educational Progress in the United States during the last fifty years." This paper is full of interesting and instructive information. The other articles do not call for special notice, though they help to make up, with the Editor's contributions, as fair an initial number as those who have had experience in the getting up of first issues of publications are likely to expect.

WE are in receipt of some reports of recent meetings of the Teachers' Associations of the Province, which we have been obliged, from want of space, to hold over until another issue.

A COMPANION volume to Mr. Smiles' "Self-Help" series is shortly to be issued on the subject of "Duty: with illustrations of Courage, Patience, and Endurance."

"SCIENTIFIC SOPHISMS, a Review of Current Theories concerning Atoms, Apes, and Men," is the title of a new book about to appear in England.

MR. ELLIOT STOCK, the London publisher, announces that he has sold 400,000 of his "Penny Testament," which is a marvel of cheapness. The sale is expected to reach a million before the close of the year.

THE annual sports in connection with the Whitby High School came off on the 22nd inst. with great *clat*. The school, under the management of Mr. Geo. H. Robinson, M.A., is in a high state of efficiency.

A SCOTCH firm have in press what is said to be the fullest biography of the poet Tennyson, with a commentary on his works, a history of their reception, and a complete Tennysonian bibliography, by a Mr. N. C. Wace.

DR. SCHLIEMANN'S new work, "Ilios," which is to appear immediately, will comprise a complete history of the City and Country of the Trojans, including all the recent discoveries and researches of its author on the Plain of Troy. The work, we learn, will be enriched with appendices and notes by many classicists, philologists, and antiquarians, of high repute.

WE are in receipt of the first number of *The 'Varsity*, a weekly journal issued in connection with University College, Toronto. Its title sounds a little foolish to Canadian ears, though familiar enough in College boating and sporting circles in Old England. Its mission seems to be to provide past and under-graduates with a vehicle for the discussion of subjects of interest appertaining to Toronto University. As an evidence of the awakening of the modern spirit in our national place of learning we hail the appearance of the publication and wish it success. Mr. G. Sandfield Macdonald is Editor, and Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, Business Manager.

IN the *Popular Science Monthly* for November Mr. Herbert Spencer will begin a series of articles on the "Development of Political Institutions," applying the doctrine of Evolution to political government as a branch of sociology. We notice the announcement made of an expurgated edition