

## EDITOR'S DRAWER.

**PERSONAL.**—We are glad to announce to our numerous readers that Dr. Sangster, formerly Head Master of the Provincial Normal School, has agreed to become a contributor to the ONTARIO TEACHER. His well known ability as a teacher and his long experience in connection with educational matters will render his contributions invaluable to the profession.

**WITHDRAWN.**—We are very glad to see that the Council of Public Instruction withdrew the Regulation requiring female candidates for 2nd class certificates to undergo examination in the 1st Book of Euclid. It can do no harm to come in force in December, as ultimately decided, and will prove a very good substitute for the displaced subject, "Domestic Economy."

**BOTANICAL.**—John Macoun Esq., M. A., Belleville, who has kindly permitted us to place his name on our list of Contributors, is now working up the Botany and Geology of Canada. He is willing to name dried specimens of plants, or give any other information on the Botany of Canada asked for by any teacher, either through the Post Office, or through the columns of the TEACHER. Natural History specimens pass through the Post Office at one cent per ounce. We have no doubt many teachers will avail themselves of his generous offer.

**PROVINCIAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.**—The Provincial Teachers' Association meets in Toronto on the 12th inst., and we would urge upon the profession generally the importance of being well represented. The Provincial Association is assuming a good deal of influence, and is calculated to exert a very beneficial effect upon the educational interests of the country. There is a good deal to be learned by attending its sessions. Contact with the able men who generally take the lead in its proceedings cannot fail to be beneficial. No teacher should lose the opportunity of benefiting himself so cheaply, and, at the same time, so pleasantly.

**ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOLS.**—There seems to be some difference of opinion as to the propriety of the course adopted by the Council of Public Instruction in preparing questions for the admission of pupils into High Schools. We certainly have no sympathy with the system on which *promotions* to

the High School was conducted heretofore. In many cases the examination itself was a mere *farce*, and the pupils sent *up*, entirely unfit for any such advancement. The effect of this was to deteriorate the standing of our High Schools, and to prevent that attention to the special work of the High School itself, the neglect of which is now having its effect upon the educational status of the country. We believe the system proposed, viz. uniform examinations, and rigid at that, will do good. Better far to educate a FEW well, than to dissipate the energies of two High School teachers, by revising work that should have been done in the Public School. By all means let a united effort be now made to redeem our High Schools, by assigning to them specific work, and preventing Boards of Trustees and all others from using them as a means of merely subsidising the school funds of the Corporation.

**VICTORIA MEDICAL COLLEGE.**—We would direct attention to the advertisement which appears in this number, of the Medical Department of Victoria University. We understand that a large number of former teachers have studied at this institution, and are in the enjoyment of lucrative practice. It will be seen that the staff is large, and is composed of some of the leading practitioners in Toronto. The College building is new, and is situated opposite the Toronto General Hospital, an advantage which cannot be over-estimated. The clinical privileges of the Toronto hospital have been much improved of late, so that practical knowledge can be obtained as fully as anywhere else. In fact, although larger hospitals may be found in the neighboring States, it is in smaller well appointed hospitals that the student can learn the most. The new Victoria Medical College has been constructed to meet the requirements of a thorough course of medical education. It is well lighted, both the theatre and dissecting room. These two rooms are unsurpassed for the special purposes for which they are intended, perhaps unequalled on the Continent. While it may be a cause for regret that any gentleman should forsake the profession of teaching to engage in the medical, yet, if any one has such a step in contemplation, we would advise him to avail himself of the Victoria Medical College.