

## EDUCATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE new Technical and Commercial College, Kingston, is largely attended. It gives instruction in Shorthand, Telegraphy, Banking, Physiology, etc. Its calendar will be sent on application to the Secretary.

At the annual meeting of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, held in Toronto on March 7th, Alderman J. W. Johnson, of Belleville, one of the principals of the Ontario Business College, was re-elected a member of the Council. Mayor Mason, of Hamilton, is the new President, succeeding Mr. S. B. Harman, Treasurer of the City of Toronto.

MR. GOGGIN, Head Master of Port Hope Public Schools, has been appointed Principal of Winnipeg Normal School.

A MOTION to erect a new school house in Pickering village was lost by a large majority.

At a recent meeting in Toronto of the Ontario Provincial Grange Hon. Mr. Ross, Minister of Education, delivered an address on educational topics. Mr. Ross stated, among other things, that it was intended to have more attention paid to agricultural instruction in the Common Schools. Desirable improvements in and additions to the Readers would be made with this end in view; and the importance, true dignity, and worth of farming as a calling or profession would be inculcated.

THE friends of education will regret to hear of the death of Mr. A. F. Butler, of St. Thomas, Inspector of Public Schools for the County of Elgin. Congestion of the lungs was the immediate cause of death, although some minor complaints hastened the end. He came from Ohio to Canada in 1863, and taught Aylmer Public Schools for four years. After teaching three months at Fingal, in 1868 he was appointed local superintendent of the Public Schools, which position he held until his appointment, in

1871, as Inspector of Public Schools for the County of Elgin. He then moved to St. Thomas, where he has since resided.

ABOUT a month ago Rev. Principal Davies, of the Toronto Normal School, and Principal MacCabe, of the Ottawa Normal School, received instructions from the Minister of Education to pay a visit to some of the Normal and other schools in the neighbouring States. A full report has been prepared for the Minister of Education, in which improvements in our system are suggested, and a variety of small changes of detail, where they are found to be needed.

THE death of Mr. F. W. Hicks, a greatly respected professor of the McGill Normal School, Montreal, has taken place in the Southern States.

At the recent meeting of the Dominion Grange at Ottawa, the Education Committee reported that: The Committee are aware that farmers are not so educated in their business as to be able to attain the highest financial results, and would advise that textbooks containing the elementary principles of agricultural education be introduced into the Common Schools, so as the better to prepare the rising generation for their occupation in life.

## CONVENTIONS.

TORONTO.—The first semi-annual meeting of the Toronto Teachers' Association for 1884 was held on Friday, February 29th, in the Sunday School building of Carlton Street Methodist Church. Mr. Samuel McAllister, the president, occupied the chair. There was a large attendance of members of the Association. At the morning session, Mr. J. L. Hughes spoke on the subject of "Mental Arithmetic." He contended that its importance in teaching had not been thoroughly recognized, and that its application should be made more practical. At the conclusion of Mr. Hughes' remarks a general discussion took place on the subject. A comprehensive