

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE welcome the Rev. G. M. Milligan to our pages as a contributor. The Rev. gentleman at one time was a teacher of one of our grammar schools, took pleasure in the work while he was in the schoolroom, and much interest in it ever since. Such being the case, it is well to hear what he has to say on the school system of Ontario.

It is not often that we can have a contribution in our magazine from the pages of *Punch*, but the one in this issue is so suitable and opportune to the state of educational affairs in Ontario, at the present time, that we must surmise that the editor of the world's renowned "comic" had been reading the last report of the Minister of Education, at least that part of it for which the High School Inspectors are responsible, dealing with the state of the secondary schools in Ontario for last year. We hope to have the usual notice of the Minister of Education's Report in the May number.

THE Rev. Hiram C. Haydn, D.D., was installed in January, 1888, as President of Western Reserve University, which at the present time includes Adelbert College and a medical school. For some years young

women have attended classes with the young men at the college: the propriety and advisability of continuing this plan had been under the consideration of the university and college authorities for some time past, and on the advent of the Rev. Dr. to the Presidency the conclusion arrived at was made known, viz., "that for the future no young women are to be admitted to the college;" and that the project of establishing a separate college for women be undertaken and prosecuted with all diligence without any unnecessary delay. The trustees "place upon record their sympathy with all efforts for the higher education of women." We observe that a memorial is being signed by prominent men in New York with the intention of founding a separate Woman's College in connection with Columbia University. The sum of \$500,000 is already pledged for founding and maintaining this institution, and the promoters have no doubt but that their request will be granted. Is this the way that higher education, especially that for women, is to be carried on, viz., by private individuals, without any aid from the State? It seems so; and perhaps it is the better way for many reasons.

WOMAN IN HARVARD. — Contrary to promise a new college for women has been created in connection with Harvard University. The Annex has numbered more and more pupils each year. Last year the September classes opened with seventy-three students; the number rose during the year to ninety; this year there are 100 women studying in the Annex. A building on newly

acquired estate has been transformed into a laboratory of chemistry, the working space of the physical laboratory has been enlarged, and a number of books have been added to the library. The endowment fund of the society amounts at present to but little over \$100,000. An invested fund of \$500,000 will be needed before the college can take the relative rank which its grade of instruction requires.