

middle star in the "tail" (Zeta) is one of the easy double stars in a small telescope. But one of the stars so seen has been proved recently to be again double, by the evidence of that most wonderful instrument, the spectroscope. It is a binary, the components of which are revolving in the line of sight and

so close together that no telescope can ever separate them. There are other binaries of the same type discerned in the same manner, and it has been stated that the most powerful telescope of the present day increased in power 5,000 times would still fail to equal the spectroscope in observations of this kind.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

### PRINCIPAL HUSTON.

IT is with sincere sorrow that we chronicle the death of Mr. William Henry Huston, Principal of Woodstock College. His death leaves a vacant place in the foremost rank of Canadian teachers, and a place which will always remain vacant in the hearts of friends who knew him well, and the hearts of his pupils. His enthusiasm, his high ideals for himself and his pupils, his unassuming goodness and worth, his energy and unselfishness—these things could not be hid, and neither his life nor his death will be in vain for those for whom and with whom he worked.

William Henry Huston was born on the 17th of June, 1859, at Whitby, Ont. He received his education at the public schools and Collegiate Institute there, matriculating into Toronto University in 1876. He was then engaged as teacher in the Collegiate Institute, Whitby, remaining there four years, at the end of which time he was graduated M.A. at Toronto University, winning the Gilchrist scholarship of London (England) University. He was then appointed house master of Pickering College, which position he filled one year, when he was appointed principal. Mr. Huston was married on December 25, 1882, to Miss Taylor,

of Fonthill, Ont. In 1886 he was appointed first English master of Toronto Collegiate Institute, continuing there until 1889, when he accepted his late position. From 1885 to 1889 he was secretary of the Industrial School, Toronto. He was active in the work of religious and moral reform. He was brought up an Episcopalian, but was latterly a Baptist.

"Death cannot come  
To him untimely who is fit to die;  
The less of this cold world, the more of  
heaven;  
The briefer life, the earlier immortality."

### SPECIALIZATION.

BOARDS of Trustees experience difficulty in filling positions in our High Schools and Collegiate Institutes requiring general qualifications by competent masters. A very proper enquiry is, how has this state of matters been brought about? We believe the explanation is to be found in the undue attention which has been given during the past ten or fifteen years to special subjects, and especially at too early a time in the student's course of study. The practice of the University of Toronto used to be, to discourage close attention to any one department of study till the undergraduate had passed all the examinations of the second year.