

fortune that had laid him low, must surely issue in some good, at least to the people of his own nation. Whatever the lesson is to bring forth, we will hope the best from the change in the national administration. President Arthur has said that "all the noble aspirations of my lamented predecessor which found expression in his life . . . will be garnered in the hearts of the people; and it will be my earnest endeavour to profit, and to see that the nation shall profit, by his example and experience." In this the new Chief Magistrate will best commend himself to universal approval, and most effectually impress the lesson which the tragic death of President Garfield is peculiarly fitted at the present time to teach to the American people.

THE 1881 GILCHRIST SCHOLARSHIP.

UNDER peculiarly annoying circumstances Mr. W. H. Huston, of Whitby, an ex-pupil of the Collegiate Institute of that town, has lost the Dominion Gilchrist Scholarship for the year, though he has the honour of winning the position in the competition which should have entitled him to the prize. It seems that competitors for the scholarship are ineligible if, on the examination day, they have exceeded their twenty-second year. The regulations governing the competition, issued by the Ontario Provincial Secretary, not clearly stating the above fact, and Mr. Huston being in doubt whether the competitor must be twenty-two at the time of his notifying the Government of his intention to compete, viz., on the 1st of May, or at the date (the 20th of June) when the examinations are simultaneously held in the Dominion, he applied to the Provincial Secretary to be definitely informed upon the point. The official reply to the interrogation was duly received by Mr. Huston, and was to the effect that "a candidate who has not completed his twenty-second year *at the time of his application* is eligible for the scholarship." Thus assured, Mr. Huston, who, by the way, completed his twenty-second year on the 17th of June, came up for his examination

on the 20th of that month, with the result which, in due time, was reported by the authorities in England to the Provincial Secretary's office, and through that channel to Mr. Huston,—that he had won the prize, but that as he had reached his twenty-second birthday three days before the date of his examination, it had been given to the next eligible candidate—a student of Dalhousie College, Halifax. The keen disappointment which this unlooked-for decision occasioned Mr. Huston may be imagined, and all will sympathize with the young gentleman in his loss and annoyance. Manifestly, a compensation should be made by the Provincial Secretary, to atone in some degree for the misleading information he supplied, which resulted so untowardly to Mr. Huston. This will be the merest act of justice, and we trust that the Government will see that it is promptly and handsomely done. In any case, Mr. Huston may properly plume himself upon the honour of winning the Scholarship, and we congratulate him and the school in which he received his training, upon his success.

"THE SCHOOL JOURNAL" AND THE INSPECTOR FOR WENTWORTH.

OUR flabby contemporary, *The School Journal*, in its issue for September, continues its inane attacks on the Hamilton Collegiate Institute and its Principal, who is also Supervisor of the City Schools. Neither the Institute nor the official referred to are in need of defence from our pen. We have no intention, therefore, to take part in the fray. Our present purpose is to say a word in regard to the *Journal's* dragging into the controversy the Inspector of Wentworth, whom, in an article on "Questionable Advertising for Pupils," it accuses of subservience to the Head of the Hamilton school system, and insinuates that he acts as "drummer" to the Collegiate Institute, in the County over which he has jurisdiction. Nothing, we need hardly say, could be further from the truth, as all will admit who