

the matter. The latter class contend that an Inspector should visit the schools for the purpose of reporting upon the condition of the buildings, appliances and records of the institution.

In what position is the work of inspection of the secondary schools in Ontario? Is there any other country in which the secondary schools are inspected and reported upon as they are here? In this Province a High School Inspector, by virtue of his position or by custom, is a member of the Central Board of Examiners, which controls all the examinations for Teachers' Certificates and for entrance to the High Schools. Is the plan adopted fair or wise? are the highest educational interests of the country served well by such an arrangement? or has this plan become the fruitful source of all the heart-burning complaints that appear periodically in the public press from pupils, teachers and parents?

We shall be glad to hear from our readers on the subject of the Inspection of the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes of Ontario.

THE COLLEGE OF PRECEPTORS.

THE proposal which was laid before the Ontario Teacher' Convention in August, to establish a College of Preceptors for Ontario, is now attracting a good deal of attention throughout the Province, and is being keenly and intelligently discussed at the teachers' conventions now being held. Some conventions have adopted the plan, others have done so with modifications, while in other cases, after some discussion, it has been left over for consideration and final decision till the spring. We commend this important subject to the earnest attention of our fellow-teachers, being of the opinion that the time has now

come for teachers to take the management of professional matters into their own hands. All teachers should be members of the College of Preceptors. The membership should be composed of all teachers of good moral character, and literary attainment not lower than that for third class Public School teachers. The aim is to include all engaged in teaching. There must be an entrance fee, and also a small annual charge. What shall be the relation of the Minister of Education to the College of Preceptors? is a question which is provoking a good deal of discussion. Some suggest that the Minister should be permanent president, and have a veto on the proceedings of the college; others say that he should have the veto and be a member of the council *ex-officio*. We incline to the opinion that the Minister should be a member of council *ex-officio*, and have the right to exercise the veto power so far as regards the granting of certificates to teachers. To have the Minister permanent president with the veto as well would simply be the readiest way of stopping all progress in educational affairs in our country. We must never forget that the intent of the movement is to benefit the people in their highest interests, and the masters' welfare is brought prominently forward, only because a serious error has been committed in neglecting it so long, the consequence being that the educational interests are ravelling, for the evident reason that the worker has received scant attention in the past. The advancement of education from the point at which we now are and the well-being of the teachers in every direction are inseparably bound together. A register should be kept by the Council for the College of Preceptors, in which the name and address of every teacher should be entered, and the name of every one