

THE Elora Public School receives the Weather Probabilities daily from the Toronto Observatory, by special arrangement.

THE Rev. John Rodgers, the energetic and untiring Vice-Chairman of the London School Board, has gone to his long rest. In him London has lost one of the most enlightened supporters of popular education, and the teachers a warm friend.

OWEN SOUND felicitates itself on the possession of new buildings for the High School of the town, which have just been erected at a cost of \$20,000. As the institution in Owen Sound is the only High School in the County of Grey, the buildings have been made capable of giving accommodation to 400 pupils. We commend the liberality of the townspeople in providing so generously for the education of the youth of the town and county. May the school continue to take high rank and flourish.

OUR readers, we are sure, will be glad to learn that Prof. Goldwin Smith has consented to the compilation of a volume of his lectures and essays, chiefly of a literary and historical character, which have appeared in Canadian periodicals and in the magazines and reviews of England and the United States. We need hardly say to the constituency we address that a great treat may be expected, for the volume will enshrine not only much of the mature thought of a great thinker, but also the ideas of a scholar in a scholar's language. Arrangements have been made to supply the profession with the work at the price of \$1.50. We learn that Prof. Smith's *Cowper*, in Mr. Morley's series of "English Men of Letters," has reached a sale of 5,000 copies in England, besides the sale of the edition issued for the American market.

SEVERAL of our High School Masters are at present showing a laudable ambition in the compilation and editing of editions of Classi-

cal texts, and the passing through the press of other and original work in authorship. Of books in the former category which are to issue immediately, we learn that two may be looked for, viz.: from Messrs. Willing & Williamson, an edition of Ovid's *Fasts*, Books V. and XIII., with notes and a vocabulary, by Mr. Geo. E. Shaw, B.A., of the Collegiate Institute, Toronto; and from the Canada Publishing Co'y, an edition of Cicero's "Pro Archia," under the editorship of Mr. A. L. Parker, B.A., of the Collegiate Institute, Collingwood. Both gentlemen are good scholars and painstaking, industrious masters. We have no doubt, therefore, that their work will be highly creditable both to themselves and to native scholarship.

WE shall readily be pardoned for directing the attention of our readers to a series of papers now appearing in the *Canadian Monthly*, from the pen of Mr. J. G. Bourinot, B.A., of Ottawa, on the subject of "The Intellectual Development of the Canadian People." In the second of the series the author has given us an interesting historical *résumé* of the efforts put forth from the earliest times to give to Canada the benefits of education. Beginning with the year 1616, Mr. Bourinot traces the history of education in the Lower Province, and awards due credit to the labours of the various religious Orders in founding and endowing the scholastic institutions which were ever the object of the wise solicitude and fostering care of Mother Church. Passing the Puritan period, with a just compliment to the school days of the New England Fathers, our author glances at the progress of education after the Conquest, and rapidly passes to its history in our own Province. Here we have some interesting records of much value to the historical student; and as the canvas broadens, in the descent to modern times, the paper becomes statistical but none the less instructive. In the latter portion some comments are made on subjects of considerable present interest to the profession, which, had we space at command in the present number, we should have been glad to reproduce in our columns.