

WE are glad to find Professor Eaton present in spirit with us although absent in the German metropolis as to the body. In the *Halifax Herald* we have had several communications from him, forcibly calling public attention to the advantage of educational advancement. In his first he emphasized the importance of the immediate introduction of manual training into our public system, thus reinforcing the efforts so well initiated by Supervisor McKay, of Halifax. Again, he made a trenchant attack upon the system of licensing teachers without exacting from them a professional training for which a normal school has been called into existence and supported, thus supporting vigorously the policy which we understood our educational authorities had determined to carry out as soon as practicable. And lastly he has given the results of a visit to many of the technical schools of Great Britain, with the course of study pursued in each, asking, in conclusion, whether some of these systems in manual training that are working so successfully in the mother country might not be incorporated, with suitable modifications, into a Nova Scotian or interprovincial system of industrial education. These letters are the more interesting, as the Nova Scotia Provincial Convention unanimously recommended the introduction of something in this direction into our own public system.

SAYS the *Educational Journal* of Toronto: "When Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, was in Toronto a few weeks since, he was waited upon by a deputation in which the Mayor and the City Inspector were included. The object of the deputation was to represent that there were in the Toronto public schools thirty-six companies of boys, who, it is claimed, are as well drilled as any of the volunteer regiments in Canada, and to request that these companies should be recognized by the Militia department as entitled to the usual government grant for equipment and drill instruction. Sir Adolphe said in reply, in substance, that he approved of the idea, and would advocate it before the government. Personally, he would like to give the boys of Canada a military education, such as that given in the schools of France, Germany, Switzerland, etc."

Good! Sir Adolphe. The military training of school children is one of the best forms of recreation. It is a splendid calisthenic for the physical personality; it is magical in developing the habit of orderly precision and prompt attention; and it marvellously tones up the tendency to flaccidity in patriotic stamina, which has marked the decay of every disappearing people. The boys from the Atlantic applaud their comrades of Toronto,

THE University of Toronto has decided to accept the leaving examination of the high schools as equivalent to their matriculation examinations. All the lesser universities will, of course, follow suit. We trust the educational departments of these provinces will not hereafter be too timid to take the step which will give us an authoritative leaving examination. Everything else is ready.

THE students of Dalhousie University celebrated "George Munro Day" by an "At Home," which was attended altogether by nearly one thousand, from the Lieut.-Governor and Archbishop down to the freshman himself. The event made a decidedly greater impression on the public than the usual selfish drive and dinner. The arrangements were admirable. The refreshment rooms were always easily accessible; while a programme of music, song, or readings in different rooms, of scientific apparatus in others, experiments on light and electricity in the darkened physics room, and of chemistry in the chemical lecture room, etc., kept the ever promenading multitude very well diffused. The affair indicated a very high degree of managing ability; and it is generally hoped that the Dalhousie boys will continue in future so satisfactory a form of celebration.

Rev. James Anderson, M. A., government instructor in Tonic Sol-fa music for the teachers of Nova Scotia, has, during the month of January, visited the schools of Lunenburg, Bridgewater, Mahone Bay, Liverpool and Milton, and speaks enthusiastically of the efforts made by teachers and trustees to secure all the instruction possible and of the success obtained. In his tour, commencing in Amherst, and passing through Truro, Pictou and New Glasgow, and the localities above mentioned, a great number of teachers have taken the Junior certificate of the Tonic Sol-fa college. The following have taken the next higher certificate—the Elementary—which indicates a very practical knowledge of music generally as well as of the peculiar features of the new system: Principal H. S. Freeman, B. A. (Dal.), Amherst; Miss E. W. Poole, Truro; Miss Ada Travis; Miss Sarah Logan, Pictou; Head Master, Peter Fraser, Pictou; Head Master, Alex. McArthur, Pictou; Miss Lorna Zuline Pugh, Lunenburg Co.; Miss Mary G. Vans, Bridgewater; Miss Annie Crouse, Bridgewater; Miss Ida Jean, Bridgewater; Miss A. H. Hamilton, Bridgewater; Miss Maggie Dimock, Bridgewater.

The following have taken the third degree certificate—the Intermediate—which indicates a high degree of practical musical ability: Miss Ada Travis, Miss Mary G. Vans, Miss Annie Crouse.

In February Mr. Anderson expects to go to Lakeport and Shelburne.