

of the educational affairs of the Province should not be directly responsible to the people. You, Mr. Editor, have told us that when the people of Ontario desired a change from the old system, that of having our school system under the control of an irresponsible Superintendent, a council was tried in connection with a Superintendent, and from what I can gather from your own words, this was not a success. Again, you quote from Prof. Dupuis the following words, among others, in regard to this Council: "Warm friends of education . . . felt that the proper principles had been adopted which would introduce life, etc." If this is the best Prof. Dupuis can say of the council of public instruction of those days it is small praise for the council. If he can say nothing of it but that people *expected* great things of it, the more he discusses the subject the longer will the time be till we have another. That council was undoubtedly a failure; the superintendency system had been tried and abolished before that time, at the request of the Superintendent himself and with the almost universal approbation of the people. In 1872 a Minister of Education was appointed, and behold the progress since that time! There has never been anything in the history of educational institutions to equal the advance made in those years. New life was at once instilled into our schools; there has been constant elevation of the literary qualifications of our teachers; the methods employed in the school room have been improved; the Inspectorate has become a living reality, and on the whole the school system of Ontario has become equal to the best in Europe. Again, compare Ontario with the Provinces of the Dominion in which they have a Superintendent or Council, and in whose favor is the comparison? Surely that of Ontario. But the progress of our Province is not unique in this respect; no country has ever attained to a high position in education except through purely unrestricted Government control. France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, and the United States, all have their schools under political control. Education is *for* the people and should be *by* the people, the control of it ought not to be relegated to any special class or the representatives of any special class, nor should it be directed by any body of men irresponsible to the people at large. But, Mr. Editor, I have never heard your side of the question stated except in the way of carping fault-finding, and I would be delighted if you would give us your reasons in full for coming to your present conclusion.

GRADUATE.

PERSONAL.

THE REV. JAMES SOMERVILLE has received a call to Demorestville.

We are pleased to see the familiar face of Mr. John McKay, '87, in the halls again. He has not attended lectures for the past two years.

Messrs. J. F. McFarlane, T. A. Cosgrove, and J. H. Mills are back again to college after having been absent during the first half of the session.

The following gentlemen are additions to the Class of '90: Messrs. Geo. Malcome, Jno. W. Edwards, Ed. North, Wm. Kerr, Jno. Miller, Percy A. Gahan, and Jos. Snell. The Freshman class now numbers sixty-one.

We would tender our congratulations to the following Queen's graduates who have been successful in the examinations for Assist. High School Teachers lately held in this city: Miss M. Spooner, B.A., and Messrs. J. Marshall, B.A., H. Horsey, B.A., and W. B. C. Barclay.

We congratulate Mr. John Cochrane, who took a high stand in the class of Chemistry last session, on the splendid success he has met with at the School of Pharmacy, Toronto. He is now a double gold-medallist, having carried off at that school the gold medal for general proficiency, and also the gold medal awarded for excellence in practical Chemistry.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, one of our best loved graduates is, we are sorry to hear, laid aside from his work by an inflammation in the throat. He has been in poor health for some time, and his congregation considering a rest to be the best thing for him have generously presented him with \$100 to take a trip to the South or elsewhere, when sufficiently recuperated to do so. They have also arranged for supplying his pulpit during his absence. We hope to see the Dr. fully restored to his wonted health, and able to prosecute his work with vigor.

We are exceedingly sorry to hear of the illness of Miss Eberts, one of the noble young women lately attending lectures in medicine preparatory to engaging in the Lord's work in foreign lands. She was in the best of health on New Year's Eve, but on January 1st, by a stroke of paralysis, her left side was rendered powerless and now she may be unable to attend lectures again this session. We hope to see her fully restored to health yet and able to carry out her intention of doing work for the Master among the Zenanas of India.

Quite an event was the marriage, on the evening of Dec. 24th, in Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, when Rev. Dr. Mockridge united in the holy bonds of matrimony Miss Elizabeth Smith, M.D., and Prof. Adam Shortt, of Queen's University. The bridesmaid was Miss L. S. Fitzgerald, B.A., of St. Catherines; and the groomsman, Prof. J. Waddell, Ph. D., D. Sc., of the Royal Military College, Kingston. The bride is a graduate of the Ladies' Medical College, and the bridesmaid the first lady graduate of Queen's University. The return of Mrs. Dr. Shortt to Kingston will be hailed with delight. The hearty congratulations of all the students are tendered to Prof. and Mrs. Shortt.