

EDUCATIONAL journalism across the line is marked by much enterprise and wins an interested support among the profession in the various States of the Union. We are just in receipt of a 30-page pamphlet, consisting of an address by Mr. C. W. Bardeen, editor of the *School Bulletin*, of Syracuse, N.Y., delivered before the New York State Teachers' Association, on the subject of "Educational Journalism." The paper entertainingly reviews the history of the various enterprises in connection with the journalism of education in the States, and adds an interesting chapter to an important department of literature. We quote from the Address the closing paragraph on the subject of Superannuation. Mr. Bardeen says: "What we teachers want, all we ask, is discrimination. Assure us that only those properly qualified shall teach at all, and that the pay of those who teach shall depend upon the degree of our qualification, and we shall leave no stone unturned to raise our qualification as high as possible. In that good time coming no pensions shall be needed either by teachers or by educational journalists." This sentiment, we feel sure, will be echoed heartily in Canada. 'Speaking as an educational journalist, we know that we would ourselves prefer an assured, respectable, current income to any provision for an old age—which if we were starved now we wouldn't live to see—or to any posthumous contribution to our fragrant memory.

A MUNIFICENT GIFT.—A Toronto lady, Mrs. Mary Mulock, the mother, we understand, of the present Vice-Chancellor of Toronto University, has presented \$2,000 to the Senate of that institution for the purpose of founding a scholarship in the Faculty of Arts. This generous and thoughtful act on the part of a lady ought to put to shame the many wealthy citizens of Toronto who are so lacking both in public spirit and civic pride, as to fail to support, or encourage in any way, our one National University. The University has all along been crippled for want of funds, and no public institution has greater claims upon the community than it. We

trust that the bounty of Mrs. Mulock may speedily find many who will rival her "in her good works."

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE AGAIN! *To the Editor of the C. E. Monthly.*

SIR,—It appears from statements given currency in the Toronto morning journals, that extensive building operations are at once to be undertaken for the purpose of "improving" the boarding houses of Upper Canada College. It is, I presume, futile to apply to Mr. Crooks for an answer to the scriptural interrogation, "By what authority doest thou these things?" Whose sanction enables the Minister of Education to lavish public funds on an institution long ago condemned by public opinion, and whose continued existence was only secured last session by the dead weight of party influence, against the voice and vote of many of that party's most respected members? In carrying this his point, as in condoning his mismanagement of the University, and his systematic snubbing of Canadian scholarship, Mr. Crooks has for the nonce triumphed over all opposition; he is virtually autocrat and shews that he is determined to act on the principle

Sic volo, sic jubeo, stet pro ratione voluntas.

But let him not be over secure. Public opinion is one of those mills which is said to grind slowly, but to grind exceeding small. Once aroused to the evils of party dictatorship in educational matters, the common-sense of the Province is little likely to be swayed by the somewhat sluggish and regurgitory current of the Ministerial eloquence.

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[Our correspondent, we think, has fallen into error in the matter he above comments on. The "building operations" at Upper Canada College, we understand, only contemplate necessary internal improvements to the present College residence, entailing an expenditure of somewhere about \$2,000, which, we take it, will come out of the current income account of the College and not from the Provincial Treasury.—ED. C. E. M.]