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## EDUCATION.

### WILLIAM RUSSELL. (1)

The following brief sketch of the life and works of Professor Russell, editor of the first journal of education ever published in the English language, and who, for nearly forty years, devoted his time almost exclusively to teaching, and the advancement of public instruction, will we are convinced prove interesting to our readers.

Mr. Professor Russell has two brothers, both of whom hold responsible situations under the Government of Canada. Andrew Russell, Esquire, who resides in Toronto, was, for many years, senior surveyor in the Crown Land Department, and now fills the important situation of assistant commissioner of Crown Land.

Mr. Alexander Russell, the other brother, resides in the city of Ottawa, and is inspector of crown timber agencies for the province of Canada, and crown timber agent for the Upper Ottawa Territory; he has also held other responsible situations both in military and civil departments. These gentlemen are highly esteemed, as well for their ability and business habits, as for their general courtesy of manner towards all who may have business to transact with their respective departments.



Mr. Russell was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and was educated at the Latin school, and the University of that city. During his course of study in the latter of these institutions, the "First Philosophy Class,"—embracing the subjects of intellectual philosophy, logic and rhetoric,—was, fortunately for Mr. Russell, in his subsequent life as a teacher, under the care of Professor George Jardine, author of the "Outlines of Philosophical Education." That eminent and revered instructor, by his zeal and eloquence on his favorite theme, the philosophy of human culture, awakened a lively sympathy with

his views, in the minds of his students. After fifty years noble service, he still retained a warm feeling for whatever concerned the subject of education; as he manifested in his cordial expressions of pleasure on the establishment of the American Journal of Education, in the city of Boston, in the year 1826.

An incipient pulmonary affection made it advisable for Mr. Russell, immediately on completing his college course, to leave his native land, for a residence in a warmer climate. He came, accordingly, to the State of Georgia, in the year 1817; and, deeming it inadvisable, at so early a stage of life, to accept the offered situation of "rector" of an academy, commenced the business of instruction, as a private tutor, in the family of a distinguished Georgian statesman.

In this occupation, he passed, advantageously to his health, a few of the earlier years of his life as a teacher. He subsequently revisited Scotland; but, at the solicitation of his southern friends, re-

tained in the year following to the state of Georgia, and for two years, took charge of the Chatham Academy, in the city of Savannah. His marriage connection with a lady from the State of Connecticut, creating a preference for a family residence in the city of New-Haven, he taught there for some years, the New Township Academy, and the Hopkins Grammar School,—the preparatory classical seminary connected with Yale College.

The peculiar form of illness, to which Mr. Russell is liable in cold latitudes, having returned, a less sedentary mode of teaching became desirable for him; and with a view to the benefit of such a change, he commenced the instruction of classes in elocution, in

(1) The accompanying wood-cut has been executed from the steel plate engraving published in *Barnard's American Journal of Education*, by one of the best engravers in Paris, for our own journal.