

female education, and must be no less welcome to women themselves. They show among many things which we need not here specify, that women of talents are no longer content with the cheap and tawdry distinctions, which in too many quarters were supposed to lend grace to their acquirements. The establishment in this Province of the Local Examinations for Women was the first step towards securing the impress of authority for non professional female scholarship. The admission of women to the class lists of the universities in a full undergraduate course has finally demonstrated the ability and willingness of women to compete in the same curriculum with men, and has amply justified the correctness of the opinion that the state should provide in proper form the amplest facilities for giving to women all the scholastic training which now is open only to men.

#### THE ELECTION OF A HIGH SCHOOL MASTERS' REPRESENTATIVE.

THE contest for the position of second Representative of the High School Masters on the Senate of Toronto University, resulted in favour of Mr. Miller, Principal of St. Thomas Collegiate Institute. For some time the issue of the contest was in doubt owing to the fact that a number of voting papers containing the names of junior masters were found to be unsigned. The University Solicitor, proceeding upon the assumption that the person that filled in the voting paper was the party who should have signed it, and following precedent, it is said, held that such votes were good. Mr. Miller was therefore declared elected, though Mr. Connor of Berlin High School had the larger number of votes duly signed. Without wishing to cast any doubt upon the validity of Mr. Miller's election, we would suggest to all concerned the propriety of leaving no possible ground for doubt as to the choice of the electorate. And here we may remark that the growing practice of flooding constituencies with voting papers filled in with the names of candidates, is, to say the least, an offensive and very questionable pro-

ceeding. We do not imagine that the candidates themselves resort to such practices, and we do not doubt that they will heartily agree with us that the intemperate zeal of canvassers should be restrained.

#### THE SCHOOL READERS.

The question of the new series of School Readers for the Province of Ontario is still the most interesting topic in educational circles. Since our last reference to this burning question, some progress has been made, we hope, to a settlement of it by the appointment on the part of the Minister of Education, of a Committee of two, Mr. Principal Bryant and Mr. Inspector Little to prepare a new series. These gentlemen have been actively at work for some time, and it is stated that the new series will be ready for the schools early in the autumn. It may, perhaps, be doubted if, after all, this is the way to secure the best results. It can hardly be expected that two gentlemen however competent, can in two or three months surpass the efforts of publishers who are known to have spent long time, well directed labour, and much money in endeavouring to produce a satisfactory series. While saying this, and not anticipating too much, we are free to admit that the Minister's solution of the difficulty has much to recommend it on the ground of expediency. Meantime, we shall wait patiently for results, and hope to find that he has been able to harmonize the conflicting interests of rival publishers, and at the same time give an impulse to the growth of national literature and native enterprise.

#### ADVENTITIOUS AIDS TO THE SUCCESS OF TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

Several of the Teachers' Association, we notice, have endeavoured to invest the proceedings of their conventions with new interest by securing the attendance of teachers of eminence from the neighbouring Republic, or men of note from metropolitan centres. This method of galvanizing languid associa-