

It is understood also, that more attention will be given this year to actual practice in teaching than in the past. The common schools of the town of Truro have been thrown open to Normal School students, who will thus have "excellent facilities for observing the actual working of the different grades and for obtaining a measure of experience in teaching. It is believed that this arrangement will give the pupil-teachers a real acquaintance with school practice, as well with the solution of problems of discipline, as with imparting instruction in the subjects of the curriculum." However inadequate any system of practice-teaching may be to give the students an insight into the actual difficulties of school-teaching, it is certain that, other things being equal, the students of 1901 should be in a better position to undertake the duties of their profession than those who have gone before them.

THE absence of Mr. Calkin, Prof. McDonald and Dr. Hall, from the Provincial Normal School, will be felt as a distinct loss to the institution, with whose growth and progress their names have, for such a time, been identified, that it is difficult to imagine the Normal School without them. Our regret, however, is mingled with a feeling of congratulation that successors, possessing such eminent qualifications as Principal Soloan and his colleagues, Messrs. Benoit and Conolly, have been selected to fill the vacancies.

WE are pleased to be able to present our readers in this issue with an excellent engraving of Principal Soloan, which was kindly lent us by publishers of the *Educational Review*, St. John. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Kidner for his interesting article on "Our Manual Training Course." At no distant date, we hope to be able to print a similar article on the Truro Domestic Science School.

OUR MANUAL TRAINING COURSE.

IT is now a little over twelve month's since Sir William Macdonald, of Montreal, announced through Prof. Robertson, the Commissioner of Agriculture, his project for the introduction of Manual Training in Wood-work into the schools of the Dominion. Sir William Macdonald's munificence in the equipment and endowment of the engineering and other laboratories of