

ing under official patronage of any one favoured place of secondary education, with the view of maintaining a separate educational parterre for the sons of the "upper ten." In Canada we have reason to be thankful that we have no privileged class. Public opinion will give scanty thanks to any Minister of Education who tries at this time of day to create one.

TORONTO UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS.

THE results of the recent Matriculation Examinations of the University of Toronto will be found elsewhere in our columns. The total number who came up for Matriculation maintains the high average of late years, less than fifteen per cent. of whom failed to pass. In Arts the number of candidates who presented themselves was 180, 156 of whom were successful. The following towns this year sent up the large number of Arts Matriculants:—Brantford 15, of whom 7 were women; Toronto Collegiate Institute gave 15 boys, and Upper Canada College sent 12; St. Catharines 12, of whom 1 was a woman; St. Mary's 11, of whom 2 were women; Hamilton 8 (1 woman); and Bowmanville and Elora 6 each. Naturally, of course, we expect the larger towns to send up the greater number of Matriculants, though this does not always follow; nor must the failure to be represented be taken as evidence against the work of a school. The average of years is the fairer criterion, and this must also be the test in regard to the honors taken by the candidates. One year a school may have good and abundant material, which is denied to it the next. This year it is gratifying to notice how much the honors are divided up, indicating that good training is general and that the schools whose pupils have taken honors have done good work. Collingwood, which took 5 honors secures the first General Proficiency prize. Brantford, with 19 honors, won the second General Proficiency and the Prince of Wales Scholarship. Bowmanville, with 15 honors, takes

the third General Proficiency, and, singular to say, out of six Arts men gets five of them in first class honors in mathematics! Upper Canada College, with 20 honors, carries off the fourth General Proficiency. Toronto Collegiate Institute, with 27, the highest number of honors, takes the scholarship in "Moderns." St. Mary's, with 18 honors, divides the Mathematical Scholarship with Hamilton. St. Catharines takes 15 honors; and Hamilton 8 honors, with the Classical Scholarship, and sharing* with St. Mary's the one in Mathematics. We congratulate the several schools on their success, and the honor pupils on their good fortune.

WE were pleased to observe that at the close of the last session of the Toronto Normal School, the Rev. Dr. Davies, Principal of the institution, was presented with an address from the students of the year, expressive of their appreciation of Dr. Davies's interest in their studies, and of the courtesy and impartiality with which he discharged his duties. We feel sure that there is nothing lost in amenities of this kind, and in the case of Dr. Davies we have no doubt that the compliment was deserved. The Principal we know to be a gentleman, and the recognition of the manners and bearing of one always speaks well for those who appreciate social grace and becomingly acknowledge courtesy and service.

WE regret to learn of the death of the Rev. Prof. Torrance, of the Woodstock Literary Institute, which took place on the 3rd of August at Bobcaygeon, whither he had recently gone for a change of scene and air. The deceased gentleman at the beginning of the year succeeded Prof. J. E. Wells in the principalship of the Literary Institute, at Woodstock, and had recently been appointed to a Chair in the new Baptist College, Toronto. Professor Torrance will be much missed, particularly by those of his denomination, who knew him to be an able theologian, an accomplished scholar, and a Christian gentleman.