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that was done is now a matter of history. As an acknowledgment for his labor in aiding to found a "new department" of the government, he received, by Order in Council, in 1856, a special "good service" allowance of £50 a year, in addition to his regular salary. Dr. Hodgins is an extensive writer on educational topics, and for over twenty years was the chief editor of the U.C. *Journal of Education*. He is the author of "Lovell's General Geography," "First Steps in General Geography," "School History of Canada, and of the other British North American Provinces." He published likewise the "Canadian Speaker and Rec-

"The Story of My Life," by Dr. Ryerson, was published. He is also the author of several papers on the life and labors of that great educationist. In social life, Dr. Hodgins is genial; and he is a gentleman of great culture. In benevolent or Christian work he is in the front rank whenever the occasion arises. He has been Honorary Secretary of the U. C. Bible Society since 1860, and Honorary Lay Secretary of the Anglican Synod of the diocese of Toronto since 1870, except for one year; from 1867 to 1874 he was Director of the Prisoner's Aid Society, and superintended its work in the Toronto Jail and Central Prison; and he was Pres-

ident of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society in 1875. Dr. Hodgins took part in the formation of the Queen's Own Rifles, and was appointed lieutenant of No. 7 company in that corps in March 14, 1862, and captain in No. 9 company, East Toronto, on March 8, 1869. His four sons have also been connected with the "Queen's Own." He holds a second class certificate from the Military School, Toronto, dated September 8, 1866. In 1861 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London. In 1879 Dr. Hodgins received the decoration of the "Order of the Palm Leaf," from the French Ministry of Public Instruction; in 1885 he was appointed Honorary Secretary of the International Congress of Educators at New Orleans, also one of the educational jurors at the exposition held in that city. He was also elected a "Corresponding Fellow of the Academy of Sciences," New Orleans; and in the same year he received from the Governor-General, Lord Landsdowne, a Confederation medal, in appreciation of "Services as a Public Officer and a Man of Letters."

Dr. Hodgins resigned the position of Deputy Minister of Education a few years since and accepted that of Librarian and Historiographer of the Education Department, for which he is eminently fitted by literary tastes and aptitudes as well as by education. That position he still retains, and in it he is, no doubt, rendering good service to the future as well as the present educationists of Ontario. The important and responsible work of making and preserving accurate historical records could hardly be in better hands.

One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning.—*Lowell*.

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JOHN GEORGE HODGINS, M.A., LL.D., F.R.G.S., late Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario, was born at Dublin, Ireland, on August 12, 1821. He came with some relatives to Canada when in his twelfth year, and received his education at Upper Canada Academy and Victoria College, Cobourg. In 1856, he received his degree from the Victoria University. He likewise graduated in the faculty of law in Toronto University, from which institution he received, in 1860, the degree of LL.B., and in 1870, that of LL.D. Dr. Hodgins was called to the bar of Ontario in the last mentioned year. In 1844, Dr. Hodgins began his connection with educational work. In 1846 he became Secretary of the Board of Education for Upper Canada, which body was afterwards designated the Council of Public Instruction. To the responsible position of deputy head in the Department of Education he was gazetted in June, 1855. He spent at his own expense, in 1845, after receiving his first appointment, a year in Dublin, familiarizing himself with the details of management in the office of the National Board of Education in Ireland, and in mastering the methods in the Normal and Model schools. But Dr. Hodgins was not one who would rest satisfied with methods adopted by others, however excellent. The condition of things in this country differed widely from the state of affairs in Ireland; and what the new officer set himself with heart and soul to do was to apply so much of the details of the Irish national system as was adapted to this country, and with his able chief to round and perfect the system. How w



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ter," the "School Manual," "Lectures on the School Law," "Sketches and Anecdotes of the Queen," and "The School House and its Architecture." In 1871 he and Dr. Mac-hatti were deputed by the Ontario Government to visit the United States and report upon the subject of Technical Schools of Science. The result of the establishment of "Practical Science," and subsequently of Practical Science." Dr. Hodgins was also the author of a "Report on the Educational Features of the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia." Dr. Hodgins was the chief editor, as well as one of the gentlemen under whose supervision