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The Publishers frequently receive letters from their friends complaining of the non-receipt of the JOURNAL. In explanation they would state, as subscriptions are necessarily payable in advance, the mailing clerks have instructions to discontinue the paper when a subscription expires. The clerks are, of course, unable to make any distinction in a list containing names from all parts of the United States and Canada.

—In the cities of Toronto and Ottawa, and in thirty-two inspectorial districts in Ontario, the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL is the recognized and adopted Educational periodical of the Teachers' Association.

—We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. A. L. Parker, of Collingwood, complaining of an unfair criticism of his "Cicero Pro Arabia" by the editor of a Toronto publication which claims the title Educational. Mr. Parker will excuse us for declining to publish his communication, when he learns that the editor in question is permanently bilious, and afflicted with the idea that he can write English. Of course, he knows little of English and less of Latin, as Mr. Parker clearly proves in his letter; but as this is already so well known to everybody but himself, it requires no demonstration. He is harmless, Mr. Parker, and your fellow teachers do not notice his ill-tempered criticisms.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

On no question connected with educational matters in this Province has public opinion expressed itself more unmistakably than with regard to the maintenance in its present condition of Upper Canada College. It has been proved again and again that the work of higher secondary education, which was formerly done by Upper Canada College, is now as a matter of fact carried on by the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes. The verdict of the press of Ontario is unanimous against the policy of maintaining an expensive institution whose usefulness is of the past, and whose only purpose is to train the sons of certain persons imagining themselves to constitute the "upper classes," in ideas of pride and exclusiveness quite unsuited to the free atmosphere of Canada. In fact, except those who

have a direct money interest in the College, and their personal friends on the staff of one great Toronto journal, we have heard of very few who approved of keeping up this cumbersome establishment at the public expense for the benefit of a few.

It is quite true that a great change in the right direction has been carried out by the Minister of Education in bringing Upper Canada College under the direct inspection of the Education Department. But we venture to predict that even this will not satisfy public opinion. The more evident the admirable work and high tone of scholarship in the Collegiate Institutes of the Province, the more intolerable does it become that the Province should maintain a rival institution whose invidious claims to social superiority are not borne out by superior or even equal educational results. The English Public School system, as far as it consists in having a special educational establishment for the sons of the aristocracy, is part of a social system which has no existence in this country. Canada has no aristocracy, no privileged class; and any attempt to set apart a place of education for the children of a class, is utterly out of harmony with all that is best in Canadian life. We hope that the press of Ontario will not let this matter drop. It is their interest and their duty to support the cause of the Collegiate Institutes of the Province, and no greater service can be done to these Institutes than by abolishing the rival, which diverts a class of pupils who have themselves everything to gain by mixing on equal terms with the boys whom they will afterwards meet as class-mates in the University. A responsible Minister can not long disregard a strong expression of public opinion. It is the intention of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL to recur to this question again and again until some satisfactory action be taken by the Department of Education.

A suggestion was put forward at some length in a leading article in this journal to the effect that Upper Canada College be utilized as a college for ladies. This suggestion was borrowed without the courtesy of acknowledgment by the *Bytunder* for the next month, and afterwards by several Toronto papers. It is a suggestion which, though not immediately, we fully expect to see carried out. For with the example of the success of colleges for women, not only in America, but recently at Oxford as well as at Cambridge, such an institution is a want which the Province ought to supply. Should Upper Canada College ever be utilized for this most important object, those who wish to give credit where credit is due will remember the fact that the proposal originated in the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL.

STUDY DURING VACATION.

Once more the Birthday of our Dominion brings round that season of holiday rest which is quite as welcome to the teacher