

# The School

*"Recti cultus pectora roborant"*

## Editorial Notes

**Who is to Blame?**—"In the days of Pericles Athenian school boys studied Horace and Vergil." This was a part of the answer of an Ontario student in training as a High School teacher, to a question on a recent examination paper in the history of education. "*Habeas Corpus* was in prison ten years and while there wrote Pilgrim's Progress." This was a part of the answer of a Fourth Grade Ontario pupil to a question on a recent examination paper in history. The school world calls these answers "howlers". The newspaper man makes them the text for satirical remarks about the efficiency of the teachers and pupils of to-day. The great public says little. It is indifferent or ignorant. But the teacher—what does he say? He does not accept and he should not accept the blame. Where lies the blame? Is there blame?

**Graduate Courses in Education.**—These Editorial Notes have frequently called attention to the various agencies for the improvement of the status of Ontario teachers. THE SCHOOL'S advertising columns give details of the Summer Courses to be conducted this year by the University of Toronto and Queen's University. In one phase of this Summer School work, THE SCHOOL takes a special interest—the graduate courses in education. This is a new work in Ontario, and it is a very necessary work in all provinces where highly organised educational systems call for the expert administrator.

As her contribution to this graduate work the University of Toronto offers this year Summer Courses in the subjects of the special examination for Inspectors. To these courses she invites not only those who wish to complete their professional training for certificates as Public School Inspectors but also those teachers who are interested in the subjects of the Inspector's Course.

Queen's offers, as her contribution to the graduate work in education, Summer Courses in the Science of Education and the History of Education as prescribed for the degrees in pedagogy. When Toronto gave courses last year in two subjects for these degrees it was arranged that Queen's should give courses in 1915 in the two remaining subjects.