

has proved a great success. There are nearly one hundred boys in the shorthand class, and all of them are most attentive and eager to learn. Dr. Percival, the head master, says that the boys are delighted with the lessons, and he thinks that shorthand will become a very popular subject among them. This is in encouragement to those of our teachers who have made an attempt to introduce the branch of shorthand writing into the schools under their charge. We know of no subject which boys and girls take to with greater delight, and if the teacher can only keep alive the enthusiasm exhibited at the start, he will certainly bestow upon his pupils a practical power which will be of great service to them in after life.

—The vague enthusiasm over the question of Technical School education which is being exhibited every day by those, who have no practical knowledge of true school work, and the effect it has upon the developing minds of the rising generation, may find for itself some little rectification in an article which Professor Ramsay of Glasgow University has lately sent to *Blackwood*. In this article the distinguish classical teacher shows that much of the success in manufactures which in the case of other countries has been credited to technical education is due to general education, and concludes that neither the advocates of technical education nor the Royal Commission which dealt with the question had any very clear conception of what the subject imported.

—The recent increase in facilities for the medical education of women is a matter for congratulation, and events are rapidly showing that good use will be made of the opportunities afforded. Where, ten years ago, only one examining board was open to women, there are now seven; instead of one school of medicine, there are three, one in each capital of the United Kingdom; instead of thirty students, there are a hundred. In 1877, there were but nine registered medical women; there are now between fifty and sixty. Further, women are now able to obtain thorough instruction in dentistry, the National Dental Hospital having consented to admit female medical students to its practice. With these advantages, it is not surprising that the schools of medicine have had to enlarge their borders. We have not heard much lately of the movement in Kingston Medical School, which sometime ago opened its classes to female students.