

Much as has been done during so short a period, it is but a mere instalment of what remains. Upper Canada has 2,500 Teachers—and although 125 attended half a year, it will take ten years to pass them all through the Normal School. They certainly do not all require to attend there, but by far the greater part do. We presume there are now as many in the Normal School as the Teachers can instruct efficiently. And are we to wait for ten, or even eight years for a qualified set of Teachers? A whole generation will have passed the period of tuition before that time. We believe the utmost has been done in the Normal School with the means at its disposal, but it cannot overtake the duty. Many must now be employed in teaching, whom a thorough examination would show to be unfit for the work, and others must be prepared to succeed them. We wish not to throw blame on the examining Superintendents. They, no doubt take the best qualified they can get, but the country must be provided with a better class, and that speedily. Four or five Normal Schools are wanted, or a School with four or five hundred pupils instead of 126. The expense is nothing compared with the Provincial expenditure, and the object is momentous and urgent. We would press on the Government, and on the Normal School Board, the necessity for more extended efforts. And when a better qualified class of Teachers is procured, the people cannot expect to retain their services *without higher rates of remuneration*. Teachers have generally been the most neglected and worse used class of the community in this respect. We hope they will soon take up their proper position in society, which should be a most respectable and influential one.

NEW SECRETARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The *New-York Observer* of the 6th instant says,—“The Rev. Dr. SEARS (Baptist) of Newton Theological Seminary, Mass., has been appointed Secretary of the Massachusetts’ Board of Education, *vice* the Hon. HORACE MANN, resigned. Dr. SEARS is a man of sound scholarship, and of eminent qualifications for the important office.” We observe that the Superintendent of Common Schools for the State of Ohio, is also a Baptist clergyman. The Hon. HORACE MANN was elected, some months since, Member of Congress in the place of the late Hon. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS. Mr. MANN was formerly President of the Senate of Massachusetts. He resigned that position to assume the duties of Secretary of the Board of Education in 1837. His zeal and eloquence are unsurpassed in the advocacy of a thorough system of universal education, and few men in the United States have done so much to promote it. It is amazing what an amount of opposition he has had to contend with from jealousy, prejudice and selfishness; but he has lived to see his principles and recommendations fully established, and the Common Schools of his native State greatly improved.