

Bishop Seghers of Victoria recently delivered a public address in which he assailed with a good deal of invective secular schools and the co-education of the sexes. He has not been allowed to go without a response, however, for the lecture was the occasion of a perfect flood of rather acrimonious controversy, in which the sound argument was not all on one side.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The New York University is in financial difficulty owing to loss of revenue arising from shrinkage in the value of the bonds and stock in which a large part of its capital was invested.

A bill to establish uniformity in text-books has been defeated in the Illinois House of Representatives.

There are 42,120 pupils in the Chicago schools the average attendance being 37,048.

Japanese students are expected at Yale this fall.

A correspondent of the St. Thomas (Ont.) *Times* destroys to some extent the effect of the stories about high wages to California teachers. The month there means four weeks, and the teacher is not paid for the vacations except in San Francisco. Salaries run from \$60 to \$225 per month, but there are very few over \$100. As an offset to these high figures, board is from \$5 to \$7 per week, and the board bill, unlike the salary, runs on during the holidays. There is, moreover, the liability of new comers to be plucked on their first application for a certificate and the risk they run of losing a quarter of a year.

Departmental Notices.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING "TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS."

APPROVED BY HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
22ND JUNE, 1877.

The following Regulations shall apply to, and govern "Teachers' Associations":

1. In each County or Inspectoral Division a Teachers' Association shall be formed, the object of which shall be to read papers and discuss matters having a practical bearing on the daily work of the school-room.

2. *Officers.* The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. There shall also be a Management Committee of five. The officers of the Association and the Management Committee shall be elected annually.

3. *Meetings.* The Association shall meet once during each half year, and shall continue in session two days, which shall be deemed as visiting days. The time and place of the first meeting shall be fixed by the Inspector. Subsequent meetings shall be held on such days and at such places as the Association may determine.

4. *Sessions.* The Sessions on the first day shall be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. On the second day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

5. *Programme.* The subjects for discussion and order of business shall be determined by the Management Committee and officers of the Association; and all Teachers in the County or Inspectoral Division shall be notified of the subjects at least one month before each meeting. The work of the Association shall be as practical as possible; and at every meeting illustrative teaching of classes should form a prominent part of the proceedings. All questions and discussions foreign to the teacher's work should be avoided. The programme for the first meeting of the Association shall be drawn up by the Inspector, and by such Teachers as he may call to his assistance, of which notice shall be given as above.

6. It is recommended that a public lecture be delivered either by the Inspector or some other suitable person on the evening of first day's meeting.

7. In case one or more persons should be appointed by the Department for the purpose of more fully enabling the Associations to accomplish the purposes for which they are established, such persons shall report upon the efficiency of each Association with the view of its being entitled to receive from the Department and County Corporations the appropriations authorized by the Legislature, and, in the meantime, such report shall be made by the Inspector.

8. In case the Inspector, from time to time, reports to the Department the continued efficiency of the Association, the Association will then, and not otherwise, be entitled to receive the said Legislative and County appropriations.

(Signed)

ADAM CROOKS,
Minister of Education.

Education Department (Ontario),
Toronto, 11th June, 1877.

GENERAL REGULATIONS, WITH RESPECT TO AUTHORIZED TEXT BOOKS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

APPROVED BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
22ND JUNE, 1877.

1. From and after the 18th day of August next, the several text-books, hereinafter mentioned, shall constitute the only authorized text books for use in the Public Schools in the respective subjects appearing in the Schedule A, annexed.

2. In order to secure the proper quality, and cheapness in price, of the several text books so authorized, a sample copy of each published in Canada shall be filed in the Department, and the retail price of the several books shall not exceed the price appearing in column 4 of the said Schedule A, and as to such books as are published in England or elsewhere, the edition shall be that appearing in the said Schedule.

3. The editions of authorized text books which are published in England as mentioned in said schedule, and whether copyrighted or not, are authorized for use in the Public Schools, when sold at a retail price not exceeding the price in cents also mentioned in the said Schedule.

4. In order that Trustees, Inspectors, and others, may readily ascertain that the text books in use are duly authorized, each publisher or bookseller is required to stamp each volume on the title page to the effect that the book is authorized by the Department, and the retail price thereof. Any volume of a book otherwise authorized shall not be deemed to be duly authorized if such stamp is omitted therefrom.

5. Where a text book heretofore authorized on any of the subjects mentioned in the Schedule has already been introduced into a School, and is in use, the teacher shall not substitute therefor any other authorized text book, unless and until he shall have obtained the sanction of the Trustees and the Public School Inspector to such change.

6. The Department may from time to time recommend such books as may be aids to Teachers for study or reference by them, and it is not required that such should be authorized so long as they are not used as text-books by the pupils in the Schools. The books appearing in Schedule B annexed,* are now recommended for use or reference by Teachers, and it is expected that the retail price of books so recommended, will not exceed the price placed thereon in said Schedule B.

7. The Department reserves the right to remove from the list any book authorized or recommended, in respect of which the publisher or bookseller fails to observe any of the conditions prescribed by these regulations.

8. The use in the Public Schools of editions printed or published in the United States, of English or Canadian works hereby authorized, is prohibited, and such reprints shall in no sense be considered as authorized by the regulations.

9. In cases in which the copyright of the School text-books is in the Department, or the late Chief Superintendent on behalf of the late Council of Public Instruction, publishers and printers in the Province of Ontario may, upon application to the Department, obtain permission to print and publish editions of such work. Any such edition shall, in its binding, typography, paper, and other qualities, be equal at least to the standard copy of the Department, and the retail price thereof shall not exceed that placed thereon in the said Schedule A, and before permission to print or publish such edition is given, the publisher shall give security, himself in \$2,000, and two sureties to be approved by the Minister, in \$1,000 each, to secure that such edition when completed shall be, including each separate copy, in accordance with the requirements of this regulation.

Education Department,
June 11th, 1877.

ADAM CROOKS,
Minister of Education.

* The schedules above mentioned will appear in the August number of the SCHOOL JOURNAL.