

things cannot be attained in a moment. It takes time to reach the point of greatest efficiency in teaching. But, as things are now, the smaller schools are largely mere training ground for the teaching force of larger places. A given teacher no sooner shows herself a little more successful than the average than she is the easy prey of some omnipresent and omniscient superintendent, and an offer of a few dollars more salary tempts her to resign, that she may avail herself of the better place thus opened in a neighboring town or city. There is nothing to prevent this happening over and over again in one school year. We know of one school in which three different teachers have been employed, for the same set of pupils, in a single brief term. This is a grave evil, about equally pernicious to pupils and teachers. Something ought to be done; some moral, if not legal, requirement ought to compel teachers to abide by their positions at least until the end of the school year, unless prevented by physical disability. The present system is loose and wasteful. We invite discussion as to how this needed reform may best be secured.—*Education.*

—The campaign in favor of English in our schools through daily practice in the making of sentences has been opened with more enthusiasm than ever this year by our teachers.

The *Witness* urges on the good work in the following article which every teacher should read. The Rev. Dr. Robertson, says that journal, who bears a responsible relation to Presbyterian missions in the North-West, has written an article deprecating some omissions in ministerial education, and among them one which has been much forced on his own attention by the fact that the workers in the Territories, while they are faithful to the work assigned them, seem unable to write accounts of their work to the bodies and individuals who sustain them, even though this is made a condition of their positions. We have had similar reason to know how few of the missionaries sent to foreign lands are able to write to a newspaper such a description of their work as shall awake the interest and arouse the sympathy of readers at home. Many will say, and the missionaries no doubt say to themselves, that it is not because they are unable but because they are so much occupied in their important work that they cannot turn aside to amuse or interest the people at home. Interesting the people at home is, however, as valuable a service as influencing the heathen, and if the task came easy this fact would be quickly grasped. The letters they do write sometimes give no more local information than if they had been written within fifty miles of Montreal,