

stantiated by our experience. The illustrations are spirited and fairly accurate, and will add much to the pleasure of our young readers. The editor has done his part with much good taste and judgment, and the little folk owe him a very hearty word of thanks.

As we read over the dear old fables of our

childhood, and pondered long on some of them, the lesson taught by the farmer to his sons in the bundle of twigs, seemed to us singularly applicable to the teaching profession: "So is it with you, my sons; if you are all of the same mind, your enemies can do you no harm; but if you quarrel they will easily get the better of you."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We present our readers with a summary of the educational proceedings in the Provincial Witenagemot, which, we trust, may be acceptable to them. It will be observed that thus far there has been no new legislation, but that there has been a number of motions for Returns, which serve to indicate the feeling of the House on certain educational questions.

We give place to Mr. Baigent's communication on the presumption that he is competent to speak from personal knowledge upon the working of the Provincial Art School, and that he has no purpose to serve but the public good. We regret to learn that difficulties have arisen between the Departmental Superintendent of the Art School and the Council of the Ontario School of Art. The matter, we understand, is now before the Minister of Education, who, no doubt, is fully apprised of the gravity of the situation. Meantime we leave the matter without comment. Our columns are, of course, open for a reply to Mr. Baigent.

A GROWING EVIL.

OUR attention for some time past has been directed to a growing evil in our schools: the display of sumptuousness and finery made by some parents in the dress of their children; and the time seems opportune to utter a protest against it. It is no uncommon thing to see young girls arrayed in silk, satin and velvet and bedizened with jewelry sufficient

for a dowager upon Presentation at court, and young lads clad in attire that in richness would not discredit their fathers at a levee. The whole system of display in dress is in excessively bad taste, and reveals too plainly the existence everywhere of Sir Gorgius Midas and his vulgar spouse. Every teacher knows that it feeds vanity, excites envy, provokes rivalry, and completely destroys the *entente cordiale* of school life. No girl or boy can succeed in study who is over-dressed, and whose thoughts are suffered to run upon vanity and display. The teacher is often powerless to counteract the evil except by the force of example. He can hardly venture upon precept. There seems to be no cure for the evil except in awakening the good sense of parents to its p. valence and power. We therefore appeal to parents to consider the matter, and, in every school, unite to put down an evil that is no less a breach of good taste than a hindrance to study.

CO-EDUCATION AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

THE Legislative Assembly for Ontario has recently, as is stated in our Educational Intelligence, pronounced in favour of co-education of the sexes at University College. We presume the next step will be to introduce the system into Upper Canada College and the Agricultural College, Guelph. The views of THE MONTHLY have already been expressed upon the question, and we need not traverse the ground again. We have