

—The Rev. Dr. Allison, the accomplished and energetic chief superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia has been for some days past in Toronto in attendance at the joint meeting of the Union Committees of the various Methodist bodies. Readers of the *SCHOOL JOURNAL* do not need to be told that he is performing an excellent work in his own Province, and they will welcome from his pen the cordial and truly catholic notice in this number of his eminent fellow educationist the late Father Stafford of Lindsay. It is a hopeful sign of the times when so good a Methodist as Dr. Allison can be found volunteering such a tribute to so good a Roman Catholic as Father Stafford without any danger of being misunderstood. It is indicative of the good time near at hand when the reign of bigotry in educational matters shall come to an end.

—We publish this month a portion of the address recently delivered at the opening of the Normal School session in New Brunswick by the Principal, W. Crocket, M.A. It is worthy of attentive perusal, not merely as showing on his part a strong grasp of educational questions, but also because of the work he has achieved and is still actively carrying on. As a matter of fact, much as we boast of our educational progress in Ontario, the sister Province of New Brunswick is rather ahead of than behind us, and to Mr. Crocket belongs a considerable share of the credit for this state of affairs. He is one of the most advanced of pedagogues, and, with the Superintendent, Dr. Rand, is earnestly bent on keeping the teaching profession fully abreast of the educational reform movement which now extends over the great American continent with little respect to political boundaries. The more our teachers know of what is going on in other Provinces the better, and one way of acquiring such knowledge is the perusal of such addresses.

—Some time ago one of the Port Hope papers made a statement to the effect that the abominable practice of swearing was far too prevalent in the schools of that town. Unfortunately there is too much bad language used by the pupils of all towns. They hear it used by men on the streets, and are too apt to imitate their elders. The teachers have only a very limited control over the pupils outside of the school-room, and therefore it is quite impossible to eradicate such a habit completely. There is no reason, however, to suppose that it is more prevalent in Port Hope than elsewhere, though this sinister inference from the statements of the local journal was suggested in connection with the Bible-in-Schools controversy. On the contrary it is well known that both the high and the public schools of Port Hope are exceptionally well managed. Mr. Purslow and Mr. Goggin, the head masters, are teachers and disciplinarians of the first rank, and we have good reason to know that they have the cordial cooperation of the school board and the people. It should be possible to state the truth about the inevitable swearing in schools without any chance of the remark being distorted to the prejudice of teachers and of a whole locality, but it seems to be expecting too much to hope for such a display of candor.

—The election of Mr. J. L. Hughes, inspector of public schools for Toronto, as Vice-President of the Froebel Society is a well merited compliment. Mr. Hughes has done much to spread a knowledge of kindergarten methods in Ontario, and has by persevering effort paved the way for the official recognition of the system. The kindergarten is destined to replace the old-fashioned infant schools and classes, and the practical educationist who by his efforts hastens that change is a public benefactor.

We are frequently in receipt of letters from teachers enquiring as to their prospects in changing their occupation. They would like to get into an office or some position of that kind. Unfortunately for them owing to the nature of their education this is very difficult. When teachers contemplate entering the profession they should either determine whether they will stick to it for life or select some other occupation. If they intend following business pursuits they should not spend any time in teaching; but immediately qualify themselves to enter upon their life-work. We know of no place better adapted for this special mercantile training than in the British American Business College in this city. Its announcement in another part of this paper is worthy of perusal.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Canada School Journal.

SIR:—At the last meeting of our association, which was held at Arthur, on the 12th and 13th October, it was moved by James McMurchy, B.A., head master of Harriston high school, and seconded by Joseph Reid, B.A., LL.B., head master of Mount Forest high school, that you be requested to publish the report of the Committee on Readers which was passed at Mount Forest in May. Some of our teachers had never seen the report in print, and they did not think the association had been fairly treated by you. So highly are your new Readers held in our esteem, that it is almost needless to inform you the the resolution was carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON READERS.

We, your Committee on Readers, beg leave to report (first) that a change in the present series of Public School Readers is, in our opinion, a matter of necessity in the interest of education for the Province of Ontario; (second) that having examined Messrs. Gage & Co.'s Readers (Canadian Readers, by Prof. Meiklejohn) we consider them admirably adapted for use in our Public Schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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There were seventy (70) teachers present at the Arthur meeting. I can only add on behalf of the association my entire approval of your Readers, and that "they are admirably adapted for use in our public schools."

I remain, yours respectfully,

WM. McEACHERN,

Secretary, N. W. T. A.

Harriston, Nov. 9, 1882.