

THE DOCTOR AND THE PIANO.—Professor Walzleid, a distinguished Berlin physician, avers that compulsory piano-playing is the source of very many nervous disorders in young girls. The severe and occasionally difficult tasks to which the girls are condemned bring about hysteria and nervous derangement. Professor Walzleid advises that those girls alone who show a musical bent should be taught to play. In all the rest the necessary compulsion acts harmfully upon the nervous system. Mothers who insist upon their daughters learning the piano should make a note of this.

JUDGE HUGHES ON THE SCHOOL-BOY STRIKE.—Judge Hughes, the author of "Tom Brown's School Days," has delivered himself regarding the recent school-boy strike. If these strikes, said he, had occurred when he was a boy, the lads would have been summarily dealt with, and in a way, too, which the boys of this generation would be astonished at. If the spirit of disobedience should increase, and vitiate and demoralize the boys of England, those who, in the language of the poet, "own the coming years," then the great inheritance of which all Englishmen ought to feel proud, the magnificent empire which was passing out of the keeping of his generation into the keeping of younger men, would, he feared, never

be retained. If it were to be retained, they must put duty before everything else.—*The Schoolmaster*.

AN OLD SCHOOLMASTER.—An interview with one of Canada's pioneer pedagogues, Mr. Jeremiah Horgan, who was born on the banks of the Lakes of Killarney, and who taught in Canada, 1847-1871. He received no pension :

The old man hesitated, appeared confused, and finally said, "No, I have not ; I am down to my last dollar. I received no pension from the government. Before retiring I did not belong to the school fund, but afterwards I offered to pay all arrears, so as to get a pension, but I was not allowed to do so. A pension, now, no matter how small, would be a great boon to me, and would be but a small tax on the country, as my days are nearly numbered. I am one of the pioneer schoolmasters of Canada. Teachers of the present day little know what difficulties we had to contend with in days gone by.

The *News* reporter bade him farewell, feeling confident that he had had the pleasure of seeing one of the men who had helped to make Canadians the honest, upright and good citizens that the majority of them are.—*The Chronicle and News* (Kingston).

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—One more turn of the crank at the Education Department ! Now the pupils who wish to obtain Third-Class Certificates must send up their books in book-keeping and drawing to be examined. Passing over the manifest objections connected with the practical working of this plan through the term, I beg

to ask who is to pay the not inconsiderable postage, express charges, etc., etc., and also who will compensate teachers for all the time they must devote at the pleasure of the Minister and his subordinates to carrying out this regulation ?

Yours respectfully,
ENQUIRER.