

(Page 43.) "Give the boundaries of the different zones and account for the position of the Tropic of Cancer and the Arctic Circle." Is "Arctic" spelled correctly?

"I have never seen his brother before." Is NEVER properly used? Is "have seen" the correct tense?

(Page 43.) "Give three ways by which words are made to denote more than one," etc. What words? Nouns, prepositions, conjunctions, or what? "By which" should be "in which."

The commissioners say (page 33): "That the pupils were deficient in power to grasp the meanings of the questions," etc. This is not at all surprising if we judge from the above quotations.

(Page 33.) "The inadequate knowledge and the frequent mistakes of even the English-speaking teachers, showed that the literally qualifications of these teachers was not what IT should be." Is "was" correct in number and tense? What noun does "it" represent? Does it agree with the noun in number?

Do the many mistakes in grammar, composition and style, throughout the report of the commissioners, show that the literary qualifications of these commissioners ARE what THEY should be? It cannot be said, in palliation of the many glaring literary blunders, that they were mere slips, since these gentlemen spent six or seven weeks at the report.

(Page 32.) "The reasoning powers were not exercised." The commissioners do not tell us, however, whether they mean the reasoning powers of the teachers, or of the pupils or of both."

Comment is unnecessary. But we have no hesitation in saying that the framers of the report in question scarcely showed themselves qualified to pass judgment on the teaching of English. For those men to criticize errors in grammar and composition is but another case of Satan reproving sin.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Rev. Matthew Gaughren, O.M.I., Provincial of the Irish Oblates, is spending a few days at the University on his way back to England. The reverend gentleman is just returning from Australia, where he has been busy for the past eighteen months laying the foundation of what is to be the Oblate province of Australia.

Students who remember the magnificent sermons preached here by the Oblate Fathers Nicoll, O'Dwyer, Brady and Furlong in '91 and '92, will learn with regret of the death of Father O'Dwyer,

which took place in London, Eng., on the 16th inst. Father Furlong is at present in Ireland, and Fathers Nicoll and Brady are preaching missions in Australia.

The recent successes of Catholic students in Ireland offer a sharp and very eloquent reply to the many objections made against Catholic education. The *London Tablet* of August 3rd, commenting on the summer examinations, says: "St. Stephen's Green Catholic University College, has not only routed the Queen's Colleges of Galway and Cork, and cast farther ridicule on their pretension to the standing of University institutions, but wrested the enviable first position from its formidable and reputable rival, Queen's College, Belfast. The total number of distinctions won by St. Stephen's students, in the two University examinations, was 67; total gained by the Northern College, 57,—while the other Queen's colleges lag far behind, and must be pronounced woeful failures. The quality, of the distinctions, is not less remarkable than their number. In mathematics all first places go to St. Stephen's students. In classics their success is almost equally brilliant. Two first places and one second in Latin with first and second in Greek, have been awarded them. To these honors were added two first places in English and first places in Mathematical Physics and Chemistry. The solitary honor in Celtic goes to a student of University College." In the Royal University Medical examinations St. Stephen's again far outshines its rivals. Of the sixteen honors awarded, the students of this University carried off nine, while the other seven were divided between the Queen's Colleges of Cork and Belfast. The only honors in Botany and Zoology were obtained by St. Stephen's students.

Francesco Crispi is severely criticised in a vigorous article by "Ouida" in the *Contemporary Review*. Speaking in anything but flattering terms of the Italian premier's government, she says:—"The Government of Francesco has set the country back sixty years. By him and through him, all the old instruments of