

since 1870 no one was admitted who did not comply with the following requirements:—

I. "All persons, not being under eighteen years of age, who have passed the examinations hereafter specified, or such other examination as the council shall from time to time appoint or recognize, are admissible as members of the College:

"(a) Matriculation and all higher examinations in any University in Great Britain, Ireland, or the Colonies;

"(b) Examinations for diplomas at foreign Universities.

"(c) Foreign State examinations for licenses to teach.

"(d) The Senior Local Examinations held by the Universities of Great Britain.

"(e) The examinations for first-class certificates of the College of Preceptors.

"(f) The examinations held by the Committee of Council on Education for government certificates.

"II. Candidates who shall not be able to produce certificates of having passed one or other of the above mentioned examinations will be required to pass an examination in all subjects required for the diploma of Associate, excepting the 'Theory and Practice of Education.'"

The condition of the College today, I am informed, is healthful and hopeful; the strictness of the regulations has not diminished the number of applicants, and the public now have the fullest confidence in the diplomas of the College.

In 1873 the College instituted a professorship of the "Science and Art of Education" (the first established in England) as a special subject of instruction. The late Joseph Payne was appointed to the chair; he was succeeded by Rev. R. H. Quick, M.A., author of "Essays on Educational Reform," a professional treatise which is well known to you. Mr.

Meiklejohn, who was subsequently appointed to the chair of Education in the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, and Mr. Croom Robertson, of London University, have also filled this chair.

It may be of interest to refer for a moment to some details which, in view of our projected scheme, it will be profitable briefly to notice. The annual subscription to the College is *one guinea*. All persons engaged in education are admissible as members, subject to election by the council; but all candidates are required either to give evidence of having passed an examination satisfactory to the council before some recognized examining body, or to pass an examination at the College.

The officers of the College are practical teachers in all grades of schools, and university professors. The governing body is a council of forty-eight members, elected by the Fellows. This council elects its officers—a President, and three Vice-Presidents, a Dean, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Solicitor.

The sources of income for carrying on the work are:—

(1) An annual membership fee of one guinea.

(2) An examination fee of one guinea.

(3) Fees for issuing certificates and diplomas:

(a) Associate, one guinea.

(b) Licentiate, two guineas.

(c) Fellow, five guineas.

The legal registration of teachers, I learn from an official communication, has long been advocated by the College. A proposal for a *Scholastic Registration Act*, analogous in its provisions to the Medical Registration Act, was brought before the public some time ago, and it continues to engage the attention of the council as a much needed reform, and a first step towards making teaching a dis-