

not bring the child forward fast enough to maintain his interest and induce him to put forth his strength."

3. Much time can be saved in primary and secondary schools by diminishing the number of reviews, and by never aiming at that kind of accuracy of attainment which reviews followed by examinations are intended to force. It is one of the worst defects of examinations that they set an artificial value upon accuracy of attainment. Good examination results do not always prove that the training of the children examined has been of the best kind."

4. Striking statistics are given showing that children are often kept back and that thus the average age of classes is often made much higher than the programme for the grade in question calls for. "The great body of children ought to pass regularly from one grade to another, without delay, at the ages set down on the programme; and any method of examination which interferes with this regular progress does more harm than good."

5. It is suggested that the shortening of the school year has gone far enough, and that some steps should be taken in the other direction.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE college Addresses of Sir Daniel Wilson, University College, and Dr. Watson, Professor of Moral Philosophy, Queen's University, will repay careful reading.

THE City of Toronto, for the privilege of having the Queen's Park as a public park, has endowed two chairs in the University of Toronto. The President of University College, Sir Daniel Wilson, paid the present Mayor of Toronto a well-deserved compliment on the satisfactory settlement of this difficulty. The Government of Ontario has its buildings in this same public park. What is it going to do? If it is simple justice for the city to endow chairs in the University for privileges enjoyed, surely for that same plain reason the Province should do itself the honour of "doing likewise."

HIGHER EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

—The movement for the establishment of a College Course for Women in affiliation with Trinity University, Toronto, alluded to by Chancellor Allan in his last Convocation speech,

is, we are assured, rapidly approaching shape for academic work. A large amount of support has been secured, and more is promised with a readiness which augurs well for the success of this latest undertaking for the education of women in a college of their own. The College has obtained a temporary building until a permanent one is provided. An accomplished Lady Principal has been appointed, and the professors of Trinity will lecture to the lady undergraduates. Already several undergraduates have entered their names, and a good attendance is expected.

REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

NO such important report on education as this has appeared since the one that gave origin to the Act that was passed in 1870 by the efforts of the late Mr. Forster. In appointing the Commission the government aimed among other things to make it of a representative character. Religion