

*Inspector Hubbard writes:* I have just made a tour of inspection through Eaton, Newport, East Clifton and Westbury; and it has afforded me much pleasure to find that, aside from three schools which could not open in the fall, and have only winter terms, all the schools, with only two exceptions, are under the charge of the same teachers as at my last visit—all having been engaged for the scholastic year. Of the two exceptions, one teacher resigned at Christmas, on account of an engagement of a different nature; the other change was caused by the continued illness of a teacher. The attendance, instead of suffering by the new arrangement, has generally improved. In many cases, entire uniformity of books has been secured, in others, there is still some diversity.

Dixville (County of Stanstead) has, this year, started a graded school, only two departments being required for the present. I found the school well organized, and in the main, approximating quite fairly to the "Course of Study." The teachers, Misses Cushing and Grady, are doing very good work.

*Personal.*—Mrs. Simister, special teacher of Drawing and Singing under Prot. B. S. C., Montreal, is taking a three months' trip in Europe. Her place is being supplied, temporarily, by Miss Rodger, of the High School, and Mrs. Kemp.—Miss Robins has resigned her position in Stanstead College, and has accepted a position in the Ladies' College at Ottawa.

*Death of Mr. F. W. Hicks.*—There are many, especially among those interested in educational work, who will learn with much regret of the death of Mr. Frank W. Hicks, M. A., formerly a professor in the McGill Normal School in this city. Mr. Hicks, in consequence of ill health, left Montreal in the spring of 1882 and went to Texas, where he remained for about a year, then returning to his home, and after a stay of a few months again leaving and going to California, where at Fallbrook, S. C., on the 2nd instant, he breathed his last. The deceased gentleman was the eldest son of Mr. W. H. Hicks, late Principal of the McGill Normal School, and was born in England in 1846. He came to Canada in 1853, was educated at High School, Montreal, and entering McGill College obtained his B. A. degree, and subsequently M. A. degree. After securing the Academy diploma from the McGill Normal School, he taught for several years in different parts of the Province of Quebec, in the academies of Knowlton, Coaticook, Lacolle, &c. In 1870 he was appointed head master of Boys' Model School of the McGill Normal School, and four years ago he became assistant professor of English literature in that institution. For eight or nine years he was Secretary of the Protestant Teacher's Association for the Province of Quebec. He held, besides the above, at different times, several important offices in public institutions connected with education. He was secretary of the Natural History Society of Montreal, and was appointed honorary secretary to the American Association for the Advancement of Science on its visit here in 1882. He was also appointed as one of the commission to superintend the education exposition of the Province of Quebec during the Dominion exhibition held in Montreal in the year 1881.—*Gazette.*