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The inclination to improve the school is to be met with in more localities than one might suppose, while reading the reports of the educational policeman who is going around at present in some of the cities of the neighbouring republic armed with the search warrant of the *Forum*; and the number of enquiries that have reached us, even from the country districts, about the necessary school apparatus, all but re-assures us that things are about to be as well as can be expected in this respect. To make a general answer we would give as a first piece of advice that the most necessary and the cheapest articles should be purchased first; and further quote the following article from *Intelligence*:—In many schools—notably in those of the rural districts—the necessary apparatus for illustrating the different branches of instruction, and libraries for the self-improvement of the children, are wanting. When we consider that a small outlay of money annually will furnish the school all that is needed in this direction, it is astonishing that boards of directors and of education are so slow in procuring these indispensable helps to the teachers, and the opportunity of being suitably instructed to the children. The youth of the province are the dearest treasures the people possess, and they are entitled to the best apparatus, appliances and books that it is possible for human efforts to make.