

—IN a recent number of the RECORD, we referred to the disgraceful condition of some school districts in the United States, owing to the introduction of politics into educational matters. What better evidence of the pernicious effects of such a heterogeneous mixture as politics and education is needed than is to be found in this news item taken from an exchange. "There has been a fight between two political factions in the board of education, which has continued for the last three months. As a result, no provision has been made for the school children who should have begun their work on the 14th of September. No teachers have been engaged, the school tax will not have been levied, and many needed improvements of the school building have been neglected. The money allowed from the state has been lost for this year, owing to failure to make the required report. The tax-payers are indignant, and the State Superintendent will probably be called upon to settle the difficulty."

—IT is said that the Sisters of Notre-Dame will establish in Washington, U. S. A., a woman's college, under the direction of the Catholic University. This institution will be known as Trinity College, and will be of the same grade as Vassar. The age required for admission will be seventeen years, and the courses will be of four years' duration. There is in the province of Nova Scotia a Roman Catholic university which has already conferred degrees in Arts upon women; we refer to St. Francis Xavier's, Antigonish.

—IT will cost in round numbers \$6,873,450 to run the public schools of New York city next year. That is the estimate the board of education made at its last meeting. The figures are an increase of \$942,210 over the cost of running the schools in 1897. Some of the principal items of expense for next year are: Salaries of teachers and supervisors of special branches, \$4,564,155, an increase of \$599,395; salaries of teachers and janitors in the evening schools, \$195,500; salaries of the board of superintendents, \$72,500; support of the nautical school, \$31,810; supplies for all schools—maps, books, and stationery, \$508,691; rents of school premises, \$96,707; fuel, \$137,323; gas, \$50,000; free lectures to workingmen, \$60,200; libraries, \$12,438; taking the biennial school census, \$35,000.

—THE plan by which, under the direction of the board of education of Philadelphia, twenty-one school yards, in