

Editorial Notices, &c.

SECOND TRIUMPH OF THE FREE SCHOOL QUESTION IN THE STATE OF NEW-YORK.

Our readers are aware that owing to some slight dissatisfaction expressed by a section of the people of the State of New-York against the system of Free Schools, the Legislature decided upon again submitting the question to the people at the autumn elections. The result of that step is announced in the following paragraph from a New-York paper. We congratulate our neighbours on the result of this second deliberate vote, and on the decisive success of so important a national movement. We ardently hope that Canada will also, ere long, boldly and patriotically assent to the universal diffusion of education among all classes of her people, upon the same terms as have a second time been agreed upon by the great mass of the people in the State of New-York.

"We announce with no common satisfaction, the signal triumph of Free Schools at the recent election. Our returns are as yet very imperfect and scattered, but they induce us to believe that the State canvass will show a majority 'against the Repeal of the Free School Law' of 50,000 to 100,000. We hear of majorities for Repeal in very few localities, while majorities *against* Repeal are numerous and abundant. We think this city has given at least thirty thousand majority against Repeal: had a full vote been polled, it would have been forty thousand. Many votes were lost through inattention, some for want of ballots. However, 'enough is as good as a feast,' and we feel confident that Education Free to All has been re-affirmed as a cardinal principle of our political system by a large majority. Now let the new Legislature silence all constitutional cavils by re-enacting the law, with whatever modifications and improvements experience may have suggested, and New York will have set her sister States South and West of her a noble example. Free Schools for all and for ever!

THEORY AND PRACTICE OF TEACHING:

Or the Motives and Methods of Good School Keeping: By D. P. PAGE, Esq., A.M., late Principal of the State Normal School, Albany. 12th edition, New York. A. S. BARNES & Co. 8vo., pp. 349.

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