

MISCELLANEOUS.

Scotch Educational Congress.—This important meeting took place at Aberdeen during "New Year week." The most prominent subjects of discussion were the supply and certification of teachers and the evil of over-pressure in the Educational work of the day. To the former subject was devoted the opening address by Mr. A. Ramage, Rector of the the Free Church Training College in Aberdeen and President of the Educational Institute of Scotland. The subject of over-pressure was ably treated by two medical men, Drs. Farquharson and Beveridge. Educational endowments was the subject of an address from Dr. Webster, M.P., the discussion upon which took rather a local tone. Secondary education and university reform in the hands of Mr. James Moir, Rector of the Aberdeen Grammar School, resulted in Resolutions in favour of raising the standard of Scotch University scholarship, and of Faculties for special teachers' degrees being constituted in all the Universities. The constitution of School Boards was fully discussed after a paper by Mr. MacArthur of New Monklands.

Congress of Irish Teachers.—This was held at Dublin during the last days of the old year, the inaugural address being by Mr. Cullen of Belfast, the President, and devoted mainly to financial questions. A paper was read by Mr. Nealon, on the position of Irish National Teachers; by Mr. Barrett, of Kingstown, on the promotion and classification of Teachers. At a public meeting a series of Resolutions was finally passed, for raising the salaries of Irish teachers to a nearer footing of equality with those of England and Scotland; for securing a suitable pension for retiring teachers; for providing residences for teachers in connection with their schools; for adopting some scheme of compulsory school attendance suited to the wants of the country; and for the removal of all restrictions on the teaching of Irish in National Schools. These resolutions were addressed to Her Majesty's Government and to Parliament.

Politics and Education in England.—Dr. Hornby, Head Master of Eton, and Tory by hereditary right, has compelled Mr. J. L. Joynes to resign, for having published a rather Radical book about Ireland. That is to say, Dr. Hornby has informed Mr. Joynes that, in consequence of the want of judgment he displayed in his tour, and his letters about it, which were subsequently embodied in a book, he can never be allowed to take a boarding-house. As this is an invariable privilege of a classical master, Mr. Joynes had no option but to resign, and is, in fact, ruined professionally for the crime of being too Liberal and too impulsive. There is no remedy, that we know of, except in the opinion which will be created by the bare statement of facts; and that is a poor one, for Dr. Hornby's action will only help to fill Eton with the rich.—*The Spectator.*