

Dissentients are not liable for any school rates which may be imposed by the School Commissioners, except for the payment of debts incurred previous to the date of dissent. School rates paid by Catholic ratepayers are expended on Catholic schools ; those paid by Protestants are expended on Protestant schools.

Any person belonging to the religious minority may at any time become a dissentient, and any dissentient may, in like manner, declare his intention of ceasing to be a dissentient.

The minority in a school municipality may unite in supporting a dissentient school, situated at any point in the municipality.

If there is no dissentient school in a municipality, and anyone belonging to the religious minority, having children of school age, may dissent, and support a school in an adjoining municipality.

NORMAL SCHOOLS.

The most important subject of study at the Catholic Normal Schools, is Pedagogy. The course of study also comprises the following subjects: religious instruction, reading, elocution, grammar (French and English), composition, elements of mental and moral philosophy, universal history, geography, arithmetic, book-keeping, algebra, elements of geometry, mensuration, physics, chemistry, natural history, agriculture, drawing, music, military drill etc.

The diplomas are of three grades: Elementary, Model School, and Academic.

There is a bursary fund for teachers-in-training.

There are two Practice Schools in connection with each Normal School, one for boys, the other for girls, in which the teachers-in-training learn the art of teaching under the immediate surveillance of teachers in the boys' department, and of nuns in the girls' department, and under the direction of the Principal in both departments.

COURSES OF STUDY.

Two courses of study have been authorized by the Catholic Committee: one specific, the subjects in which candidates for teachers' diplomas must pass ; the other enumerates the various subjects taught in the different grades of public schools.

These courses of study have been carefully prepared, and all based on the programme of studies followed in France and in some other countries.

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