

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

We are glad to notice that the Minister of Education, the teachers of the public schools and many of our citizens are showing themselves alive to the necessity for a departure in the direction of giving scientific education in the schools, and not only so but that domestic economy is to receive a good share of attention. This we are pleased to observe, for there is ample room to dispense with some of the useless frills and tucks attached to the general system of instruction and replace them with a course which, while a relief from the continuous grind at the books and desk will afford the training, whether for the work shops or the household, which should be respectively possessed by the boys and girls before being sent out to attempt to battle with life. As at present the home lessons imposed on the little people make their work little short of drudgery and many of them will never be of any practical benefit. We, however, hail the new departure with sincere satisfaction; but trust that the good intentions of those who are at the bottom of the movement will not be thwarted by the interference of some, who, while professing to know everything have no more knowledge of technical matters than they have of what are absolutely the lost arts.

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