

boys and youths who are attending Public or Private Schools and desire to pursue the study of the principles of the science of agriculture, it is proposed to offer scholarships tenable at any institution approved as a place where a sound practical education in the scientific principles of any section of agriculture may be obtained.

The Bishop of London, in addressing a meeting of Board School teachers recently, expressed his regret that there was no organization to advise the children on leaving school at the age of twelve. He thought the system broke down there, and added that there was another danger that the system might be too good, not in itself—that was impossible—but in relation to those to whom it applied. The organization and discipline in the school might be too great and cause a rebound when the children came out into very different and much lower surroundings, and the aim should be to make a distinct connection between the two. A correspondent drew his Lordship's attention to this, and pointed out that a very small number of children, if any, left the Board Schools at the age of twelve unless they passed Standard VI., and, if they had not, they were obliged to attend a night school during the winter months. Concerning the moral welfare of the children on leaving school, the correspondent asked his Lordship whether he did not think that, as a rule, more depended on the home influence exerted on a child than on any which could be exerted from the outside. The following reply has been received:

"Fulham Palace, S.W., Oct. 28.

"My dear Sir,—I am obliged to you for your letter and its information. I quite agree with all the sentiments you express. My idea was that there might be two or three people in connection with each school who made it their business to learn from the head teach-

ers what children were leaving school, and then give them advice about possible means of continuing their education, and be ready to advise them and their parents at any time.

"Yours faithfully,

"M. LONDON."

The organization of a new library in the city of Toronto, which shall be a reference library for the city and province, and have as an adjunct a system of travelling libraries, is likely to be realized at an early date. The committee which has it in hand think the scheme practicable should it be carried out on the following basis:

"The transference to the proposed library of the scientific library of the Canadian Institute and of the reference portions of the Public Library and the Legislative Library on conditions to be afterwards arranged.

"The erection of a building for the proposed library somewhere near the Legislative buildings.

"The cost of the building to be met by the issue, on the part of the library authorities, of debentures bearing a low rate of interest, and guaranteed by the province.

"The maintenance of the proposed library and the provision of a sinking fund to pay off the debentures when mature to be met by annual grants from the province and from the Board of Management of the Toronto Public Library.

"The control of the proposed library to be vested in a Board of library commissioners to be appointed by the province and by the Board of Management of the Toronto Public Library.

"The committee also find that the scheme of travelling libraries is a practicable one, and that it could be carried out successfully at a small annual cost if the management of the same were entrusted to the authorities in charge of the proposed Reference Library."