

the greater portion of the morning. Mr. Rockefeller will make the donation for the purpose of liquidating the large indebtedness of the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, with the provision that the Baptist ministry raise \$236,000, the amount he requires raised to meet his proposition. This amount will be gathered among the Baptists in the various cities of the United States. Chicago's apportionment is \$10,000, \$1,000 of which was pledged at the conference by the ministers. The latter will request their congregations to contribute the remainder.

In the report lately made by the Hon. Col. James Baker, Minister of Education for British Columbia, the following is said in behalf of the high schools of that province: "The many benefits conferred by our four high schools are fully proved by the work accomplished since the establishment of each, and by the high esteem in which each is held. These schools not only afford to all children who pass the standard required for admission the opportunity of obtaining a knowledge of the advanced subjects of study essential to a higher education, but they elevate the character of the lower grades and perfect and diffuse all the most valuable points of our school system. The scholarship demanded for entrance to a high school is certainly equal to, if not higher, than that required in the other provinces. The necessity of this arises from the fact that with us these schools form the apex of our system, while in the other provinces, in addition to high schools, we find collegiate institutes, normal schools, colleges and universities. Our high schools have, therefore, to afford to our children, as far as possible, all the benefits accruing from these other higher institutions of learning—the university excepted."

As we said last month, the principle of payment by results was about to be put in practice, and Dr. Inch's last announcement shows that we were not far wrong. The following regulation bears witness to the fact: "In order to be entitled to Grammar School Provincial grant, after the close of the present school year, grammar schools in towns must have enrolled not less than fifteen pupils who shall have passed the High School Entrance Examinations, and grammar schools in villages must have enrolled not less than ten pupils who shall have passed the High School Entrance Examinations. In order to be entitled to Superior School Provincial grant, after the close of the present term, schools must have at least two graded departments, and must have enrolled not less than ten competent pupils above grade VII."

THE EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

—We are glad to see the Ontario Educational Association holding its annual meeting again in Toronto, and showing signs of increased vigor in its handling of school affairs. Of these signs the most striking and gratifying is the freedom with which its members criticize the course of the department on various points. Anyone who follows the proceedings will detect a new temper in the teaching profession. The programme marks a departure, as the following items of it indicate: "Effects of High School Regulations on the Qualification of Public School Teachers," "Public School Leaving Examinations," "The Educational Council," "Overcrowding of Subjects," "Obstacles to Public School Education from the Nature and Range of Subjects," "School Law Changes," "The New Regulations," "What Can be Done by Means of Our School System to Advance Agri-