

United States for publication, all of us would possibly be more confident that our labours would eventually see the light of day. The Report before us closes with the description of a tour of school inspection made through Alaska by Dr. Sheldon Jackson, which is almost as interesting as a novel. When the last Report was taken notice of in these pages, it was pointed out how necessary a Bureau of this kind was for the country, and how Canada would eventually be led to imitate the United States in this respect. The arguments in favour of a Canadian sub-department of this kind need not be repeated. The principal duty of such a Bureau, is the collection, preparation, tabulation, and publication of statistical information in the form of reports, and such other methods as shall seem best fitted for the benefit of the public schools and the improvement of the means of education. In other words, the Education Bureau is a kind of general moral "suasion" force at work co-ordinating the efforts of the various States towards a higher degree of proficiency in school appliances, and educational work.

—The annual report of the McGill University has been issued and is addressed to the Governor-General as visitor. The office of chancellor, which was held for so many years by the Hon. James Ferrier, and which involves much unpaid labour, has not yet been filled, and in connection with this statement in the report, a record is made of the deaths which occurred of those who were actively engaged in the work of the university during the year. In the thirty-nine pages of the report, there is the usual information in regard to the faculties and affiliated institutions of the university. The university includes McGill College, Morrin College, St. Francis College, four theological schools, and the Normal School. The development of the Faculty of Arts in recent years has been very rapid, chiefly in connection with the Donalda course for women, which has attracted a large number of students. As the *Gazette* says,—when it is considered that McGill has adhered to the system of exacting a regular determined course in the old subjects of Latin, Greek, mathematics, logic, English and modern languages, in the case of all students in the first two years of a course consisting of four long sessions of eight months, and has allowed no escape into options and honors till the senior years, this must be regarded