

not only as money saving agencies but as a means of discipline, teaching the children habits of carefulness and honor in dealing with what is temporarily entrusted to them.

—The death of Rev. Father Lefebvre, who for the past thirty years has been the honored head of St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, removes one who may be said to have founded higher education among the Acadians of the Atlantic Provinces. His scholarly and well-stored mind, his ripe powers as pastor, teacher, and counsellor, were constantly and unselfishly placed at the disposal of those who gathered year by year in constantly increasing numbers at Memramcook. It is safe to say, that no pioneer in education in these provinces has done more to infuse into the youth committed to his care the spirit of education than has the zealous and distinguished teacher who has just passed away.

—During the last fifteen years Berlin has expended nearly six million dollars for new school buildings, erecting some years as high as ten. As a result there never has been lack of space for all children that came, though the increase has been some years as high as five thousand. To-day there are ninety-four class-rooms in Berlin unoccupied, but all ready for use. To my mind nothing could speak louder for the wisdom, foresight and efficiency of the school board than the above fact.

—The teachers of Prussia have lately met with a great disappointment in the decision of the minister of instruction, Dr. Bosse, not to present the proposition for an increase in salaries to the reichstag at this session. While the minister is a warm friend of the teachers and deeply feels the justice of their claim for better salaries, he recognizes that with increased taxes for the army, an appeal to the reichstag at this time would be futile. So the poor teachers must wait. But their claim must be met and that in the near future. It is a well-recognized fact that they are not paid as well as other civil officers of like rank in the state. While the city teachers are fairly well paid, many of the country teachers are obliged to eke out a miserable existence on six hundred marks (\$150) a year with free rent. It was proposed that in no case should the salary be less than nine hundred marks a year with house. Think of living and supporting a family on even that amount!

—The reasons given by the Boston school committee for the discontinuance of slates, slate pencils and sponges in the public schools and the substitution of paper, lead pencils and rubber erasers in their place are as follows: A light gray mark upon a