

induce the better class of young men and women to undertake it. But under our present improved system, teaching occupies the position of a profession, and adequate stipends are provided, so that any one who is apt to teach may expect to secure a fair maintenance, in an honorable and useful employment. I therefore renew my request to you, to look out for promising young persons in your several Missions, to lead them from childhood to look forward to teaching as a profession, and to send them, if possible, either to the College or to the Training School, to be educated and fitted for the work.

Our Common School system is not altogether what we would desire to have, but great improvements have been made, and we may hope that as defects are discovered in its operation they will be remedied, and we are bound to do our parts towards rendering it as efficient as possible. If we cannot secure separate Schools, in which religious truth may be taught, in accordance with our own views, we may at least be thankful for any training, by which the reasoning powers are developed, and the minds of the young are prepared to receive the instruction, which may be supplied by their Minister from the Pulpit, or in any other way. The Sunday School must be the complement of the Day School, and if you are unable to exercise much influence in the latter, you should give the more attention to the former. I have no doubt, too, that we lose much by the neglect of public catechising, and wherever you have two services in one Church on the same day, you may with advantage adopt this excellent mode of imparting instruction at one of those services. Only it should be remembered, that skill in catechising is not ordinarily to be acquired, without careful study and meditation.

The reference to the School Act leads to the mention of other Acts of the Provincial Parliament, in which we are particularly interested, and of these I may mention, in the first place, the Marriage and Registration Act. A change has been made in the regulations for the issue of Marriage Licences which is unimportant, but certain duties are imposed upon you, which I trust that you will scrupulously perform. We cannot expect the people generally to appreciate the utility of such statistics, as are to be obtained by a good system of registration of births, deaths, and