

ply with the provisions of the Attendance Act. Thus constables may not now be truant officers, but must help those who are. Unless the help is confined to moral influence, the grievance still remains. And policemen are not trained to exercise moral influence.

Cape Colony is not seeking reprisal against President Kruger in a novel way. They have lately been doing him a service of which the newspapers have taken no cognisance, but a service, nevertheless, for which he should show due gratitude. They have been endeavoring to supply him with an University, or at least with a share in one. The Amended University of the Cape of Good Hope Incorporation Act contains a provision empowering the Governor to appoint additional members to the Council from the Colony of Natal, the Orange Free State, and the Transvaal Republic, should the Governments of any or all of them undertake to make a sufficient annual contribution towards the funds of the University. The Colony of Natal has already given evidence of a desire for union; and the hope is expressed that the two independent States will avail themselves of this offer, so that the University may become a beneficent institution for the whole of South Africa. It would, indeed, be a healthy sign if the Boers came in as "friendlies" to this educational camp.

The French movement for assisting the young through the years of adolescence is having a sort of reflex action in Germany. Thus a society has been established at Berlin to further the welfare of orphans, that is to say, children who have lost father or mother or both parents, when the school years are over. Advice is to be given them, so that they may choose a calling suited to their power; material aid will be afforded during apprenticeship, if the need for it

exists; and every effort will be made to supply by counsel and moral influence the want of the natural guardians. Legal and medical advisers will give their services to the association, which has been established on a voluntary basis; that is, it receives neither support nor express sanction from the State. The project was initiated by Herr Lehrer Pagel, and the first outline of the scheme was published, fitly enough, on Pestalozzi's birthday. It is pleasant to hear that other towns are following the example of Berlin.

The "Babble of the Books" in Chicago between Superintendent Lane and his colleagues is likely to have a quieter ending than the "Babble of the Books" between the Educational Book Company of Toronto and the two leading members of the text-book committee of one section of the Council of Public Instruction of Quebec. The following is what the *Montreal Daily Star* says about it:

"Action is about being taken by Mr. William P. Gundy, of the Educational Book Company, Toronto, against Rev. Mr. Rexford and Prof. A. W. Kneeland, of this city, who, it is alleged, as members of the Text Book Committee of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, sought by unfair means to exclude a series of books published by him, and which for some years had been the authorized series in the Protestant common schools."

The Province of Quebec, we hear, has taken a step in the right direction. In our report of the late Montreal Convention, there was pointed out the three reforms which the educationists of Quebec were demanding in connection with elementary education, and one of these must have astonished some of our readers, involving as it did the advocacy in favor of having trained teachers provided for all the schools of that Province. This, as the first necessity of