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It is our intention to get the next paper out this week in June. This will be the last number for this term, and we are going to make it the best one. We will put in an extra sheet if the students will do their part towards providing the matter.

Students, get your contributions ready at once, and send them right in. They will then be off your hands, and we will know just what to count on. Some idea as to what to write about might be got by looking over the exchanges; and just here we would say that we think the students would be interested in some of the articles contained in these exchanges.

"Don't be backward in coming forward" with your contributions.

Rev. R. H. Quick, the English writer on education, says. "An insight into the theory of education will make the humblest teacher of children a conscious worker for the good of the human race."

As the term is almost over, we would notify our advertisers that our treasurer will call on them in a few days, and we trust he will meet with a prompt response.

## THE TESEO AFFAIR.

We feel called upon to make a few remarks concerning the expulsion from the school of one of the young men, and the attitude which the newspapers of the province generally have taken towards it. It is to be regretted that any notice is necessary. The students would have kept the matter quiet, and it is felt that more harm than good has been done the student by his would-be helpers.

It was almost amusing to read the fabrications published by some of the papers. A few, whose editors had more discernment, or took the trouble to ascertain the facts, had accounts of the case which did justice to all parties. The expulsion was eagerly seized upon as a piece of spicy news about which a sensational article could be made up, and also an opportunity for some parties to vent their ill-feelings.

The students of the school, who fully know the facts, are agreed that the action taken was what the case demanded and no more. We think it shows a great amount of presumption for any man, whether an editor or a college student, to set himself up as a critic of the action of the faculty of the school, and of the Chief Superintendent of Education in a case concerning which he knows little or nothing.

An attempt was made to excite the sympathy of the public in behalf of the young man. The case rather called for pity for one who, not having home or christian influences to support him, was so far led astray. It was suggested that the student should have been kept in the school and cautioned not to commit such an offence again. In our estimation this would have been most unwise. The school is not a reformatory, there was only about a month before the close of the term, so there would not have been time to see whether any apparent improvement was more than external.

The teaching profession is at least one of the most important, and the teacher going into a community takes a position which he would not occupy

were he in many other professions. It is of great importance, therefore, that no unworthy person should be admitted to the profession.

We do not propose to deal here with the many mis-statements which have found currency, nor do we think it would be advisable, as things now are, to do so.

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## EXCHANGES.

The Dalhousie Gazette for March has an interesting account of a trip through Italy. An article on the study of short hand is worthy of a careful reading. The editors propose to put the paper into magazine form.

We were pleased to receive The Echo, Benton, N. B. Like many small things it must not be overlooked.

It is quite unnecessary for us to notice the many good things to be found in The Educational Review, as most of our readers are doubtless subscribers.

The students from Carleton county would thank the editors of The Carleton Sentinel for sending that paper to us.

The April Athenæum, among other things, has a continued article on German student life, which is interesting and instructive.

The April number of the Dalhousie Gazette has an article on "Wordsworth," to which we call the attention of the students. The "trip through Italy" is continued.

The Seminary Bema for March is a very readable number. The articles are generally well written.

The Argosy well represents the students at Sackville. An article in the April number on "apologies" is well worthy of perusal.

We have just received The Aquilo, published by the students of Ricker Classical Institute, Houlton. It is an interesting little paper about the size of The Normal Light, and is now in its second year. We wish the paper a long and prosperous existence.