

children over whom they would be placed.

The Rev. Dr. Bryce also spoke at the above exercises, making the statement that the attendance was the largest that the school had experienced. Two important steps, he said, had been taken recently—the importation of teachers from the east had been prohibited, and a certain fair salary has been guaranteed to all teachers. Another change was that teachers henceforth to obtain a first-class certificate will have first to secure a third and a second.

The annual reports from the various provinces may be taken as a record of progress, and while there is not much to be said about some of the fields, Ontario keeps well to the front with Manitoba, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, making fair seconds. When the Quebec government gets its Education Bill passed in both houses, many are beginning to wonder what the pace will be. The system in British Columbia, like that of Prince Edward Island, is too much hedged in by the prejudices that are born of isolation, and hence the educational progress of both of these provinces can only be measured by what they themselves have been and what they may yet become as educational centres. Still it is well for us to learn of the more remote sections of our land as well as of those nearer the larger centres of population.

In New Brunswick there is still some unrest in connection with the management of the University there. Some months ago we referred to the matter, and gave sundry reasons why it had failed to become the centre of the educational sympathies of that province. These reasons have been enlarged upon by the *Educational*

*Review*, with special reference to the process of granting degrees.

"Want of discretion," says our contemporary, "in conferring honorary degrees and the eagerness with which they have been conferred upon some who have doubtful claims upon them, and the denial to others who have been life-long friends to the University or who have spent their lives in preparing students for it," and when such is said by one of its own graduates there must surely be something in what we said in milder form.

The whole "tale to be told," however, has no end to it for some time, if the plain speaking of the *Review* should give offence, and yet what need the *Review* care, if it only succeeds in bringing about a better state of affairs.

"The resolution of Mr. Fowler," continues that periodical, "to withdraw the grant from the New Brunswick University, will do good if it leads to enquiry with a view to reform, or it will work evil as a bad advertisement for that institution of learning. Notwithstanding that large classes from the high schools matriculate at the University each year, it attracts few of them to enter upon a full course; and while the other colleges in the Maritime Provinces are said to be flourishing, the one in Fredericton does not progress, in the matter of attendance at least, as its friends would desire. Various reasons are assigned for this, among which may be mentioned:—the change from a three years' course to one of four years, which was regarded by many as being in the interests of the faculty rather than of the students, many of whom can not well afford the extra year's attendance. The abolition of residency for a time, coupled with some unseemly wrangles between students and faculty, had a tendency to cause uneasiness on the part of