

of training schools; two Provincial Kindergartens, for the training of Kindergarten teachers; fifty-three County Model Schools for the training of Third Class teachers; two Normal Schools for the training of Second Class teachers, and a School of Pedagogy for the training of High School teachers. The course in the Kindergarten extends over two years, namely, one year for assistants and one for directresses which includes the study of everything

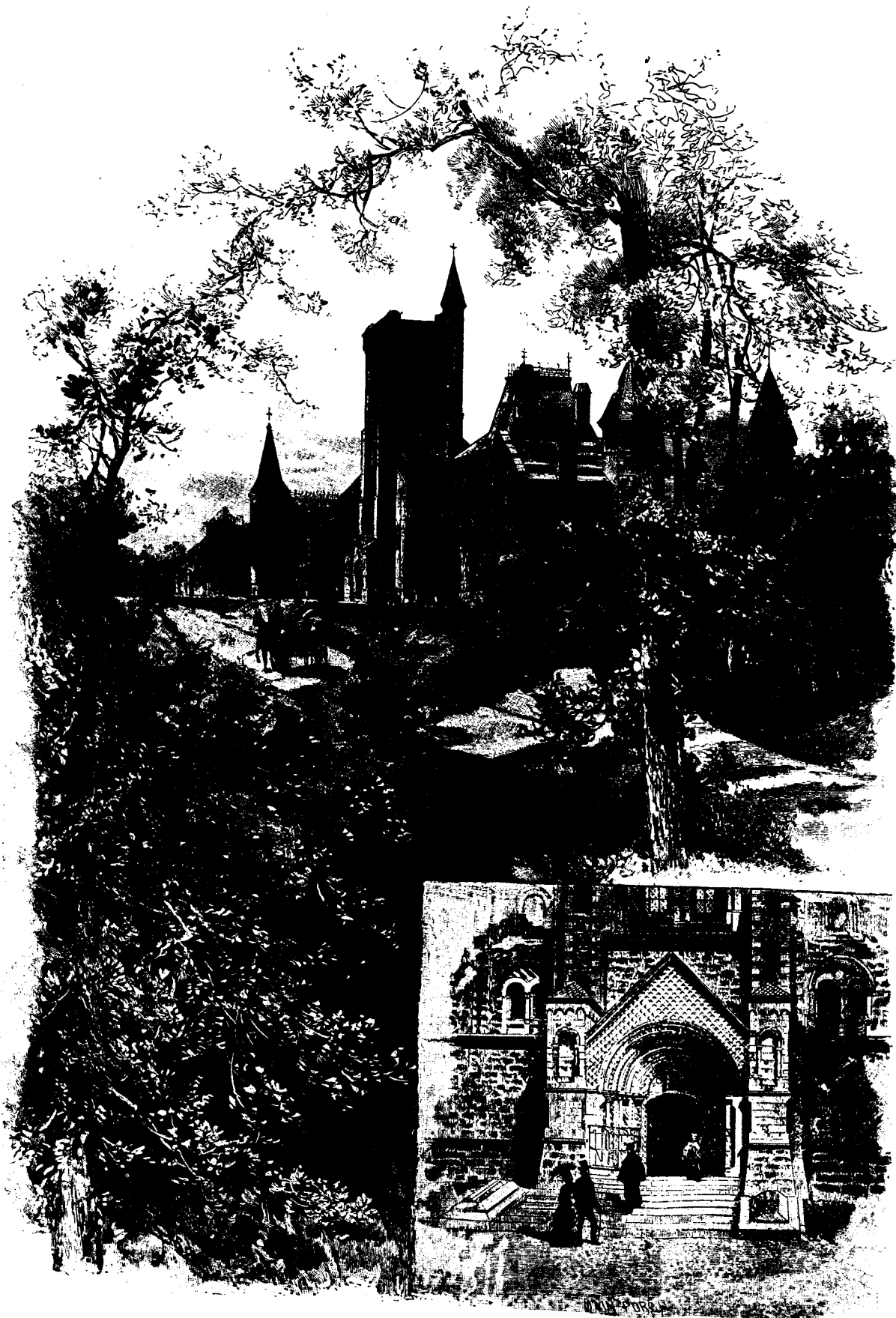
pertaining to Kindergarten work. The course in the County Model School extends over four months, and includes instruction in the theory of education, with as much observation and practical teaching as circumstances will admit. The course in the Provincial Normal School extends over six months, and in the School of Pedagogy five months. In all these schools the course may be said to be purely professional. There may be an occasional

review of a portion of the academic work of the teacher in training, but as a rule his whole attention is devoted to the practical and professional side of his profession. It is felt that by centralizing his attention on his professional duties, particularly as he is not admitted to the Normal School without at least one year's experience as a teacher, he is in a condition to benefit more by such a course, extending over six months, than he would be by a mixed academic and

professional course extending over much longer time. It will be observed that professional training applies to teachers of every grade, that no one is allowed to shirk it or evade it, and that no person who does not give reasonable evidence of fitness for the profession by showing his aptitude in actual practice in the school-room is admitted there-to.

*Non-professional Training.*—Teachers' certificates are divided into three grades: First, Second and Third. The course of study for these grades is prescribed by the Education Department and, in the majority of cases, candidates for certificates, even in the lowest grades, attend a High School. The examinations for the lowest grades of First, and for Second and Third Class Certificates are held simultaneously at the different High Schools of the Province on questions prepared by the Education Department. The answers of candidates are returned to the Department and are read by examiners appointed for that purpose. As nearly as possible all the certificates granted are of uniform value. The two higher sub-divisions of first class certificates, namely, A and B, are obtainable on examinations conducted by the University of the Province, the papers for which are submitted and the answers read by University examiners. For High Schools the qualifications are, the standing of an undergraduate of two years for assistants, and a full graduate for the Principal, the Department accepting the valuation of the University for this purpose. As the certificates are all awarded by the Department they are valid throughout the Province. Third Class Certificates are valid for only three years, however. All other grades are valid during good behavior, and all are disposed of by one annual provincial examination.

*Religious Instruction.*—Every school is required to be opened by the reading of



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