

institution is now beginning to forge ahead, and a substantial fund for its maintenance is being raised by its friends. Yet the fact remains that there are too many institutions in the Maritime Provinces teaching parallel courses in science and arts, and the sooner they come to an understanding, by affiliation or any other means, so that each will specialize, to a reasonable degree, in some of the sciences or in arts, the better for education down east.

An article on China in a recent issue of *America* throws some light on the standing of the Catholic Church in that country. It will surprise most people to hear that two-thirds of the Christian Chinese are Catholics, while the other third are Protestants of all denominations. Ignorance of this condition of affairs has been caused, principally, by the numerous reports and statements made annually by the various Protestant Chinese missions. In this department of the missionary work the Catholic priests have proved unskilled. However, according to the best data available, we learn that there are more than a million and a half Catholic Chinese, but only 1,498 European and 752 Chinese priests to minister to their spiritual needs. Money, also, is not very plentiful. A seminary for foreign missions has been established at Ossining, N.Y., which, it is hoped, will satisfy, in part, the demand for English-speaking priests in China.

The December number of the *Canadian Messenger* has a concise statement of social and religious conditions in the Argentine Republic. While the population is almost entirely Catholic and is noted for its piety, yet the laws of the country contain clauses which would give almost unlimited scope to the activities of an anti-clerical party did such a party ever secure the reins of government. However, there seems to be little danger of this at present.

Priorum Temporum Flores.

Rev. J. Meehan, '00, who for some time past has been curate at Belleville, has been appointed parish priest of Morrisburg.

Rev. J. J. Keeley, '03, has been transferred from curate at Morrisburg to curate at Belleville to replace Father Meehan.

Rev. T. J. Sloan, '06, the earnest and energetic young priest, who has acted in the capacity of curate at Chapeau for the past three years, has been appointed parish priest of Whitney.