

French, Drawing, Botany and Elocution. The accommodation provided in the College we are told, added very much to the enjoyment of those of our teachers who joined the classes. The organizers are to be congratulated on the success of the movement, though some one of the students might have been good enough to send us a full report of the proceedings.

—The members of the Central Board of Examiners or what remained of them on this side of the Atlantic during July have had their first experience of the new condition of things, and perhaps the remnant will have a report to make of their experience at the next convention of teachers. It is all but certain that Dr. Kelley will be anywhere but on the negative side this year.

—The Minister of Education in Victoria has brought forward a Bill to set apart certain areas of land as an Educational Endowment; and also a Bill for the amendment of the educational law in certain particulars. Among its provisions is one reducing the limit of school age from fifteen to thirteen years; another to increase the number of compulsory attendances from thirty school days to forty days per quarter; and a third to establish a system of examinations at half-yearly intervals at which children educated at other than State schools will be able to obtain certificates. A Bill to amend the Public Service Act has also been introduced into Parliament, one of the chief provisions of which is that sixteen and thirty years shall be the limits of age which shall apply to candidates for employment in the public service—teachers being included among the number.

—Prof. Foster, of the University Clinic at Breslau, has recently drawn the attention of parents and teachers to what he believes to be often the cause of short-sightedness in the young, viz., that they are allowed to wear collars which are too tight for them. In three hundred cases that had come under his notice, the patients were suffering from a chronic complaint brought on by a disturbance in the regular and normal flow of blood, caused by the wearing of collars that were not large enough.