

ers with the Provincial Teachers' Association shall be severed, should this association be formed. Messrs. Strang, Connor and Harstone, acting as a committee by request of a meeting of High School teachers held in Toronto during midsummer vacation, 1890, have arranged for this meeting and issued notices accordingly. It is with much pleasure that we announce it to our readers, and we cordially wish the movement success.

THE Legislative Committee of the Ontario Teachers' Association, consisting of Messrs. S. McAllister, chairman; J. Brebner, C. A. Barnes, R. W. Doan, and W. F. Chapman waited upon the Minister of Education on Saturday, 8th of November, to urge upon him the desirability of paying recipients of the Superannuation Fund quarterly and also to dispense with the personal interview with the Inspector required annually of those under sixty years of age who are in receipt of the Fund. Mr. Ross, who showed himself well acquainted with the working of the Fund, refused to accept the proposal for quarterly payments on account of the increased clerical labour they would entail, but agreed to make them half yearly instead of yearly, as at present. He expressed himself as desirous to make the administration of the Fund as simple as is consistent with efficiency, and looked with favour on the second proposal which was made for the convenience of those beneficiaries of the Fund who are under sixty years of age. He thought that the declaration before a magistrate would be sufficient without causing them to travel, in some instances, a number of miles merely to present themselves before the Inspector. It might simplify the matter further to accept either the declaration before a magistrate, or a personal interview with the Inspector.

THE BIBLE AND THE SCHOOLS.

MR. S. H. BLAKE repeated the statement at the annual meeting of the Ontario Sabbath School Association which met this year in Brantford, that he would not rest till the Bible was read and studied in all our public schools. Mr. Blake in his effort to have the Bible read and studied in all our public schools should have the active support of all patrons of the public schools. But it must be perfectly clear to all men by this time that it is not possible to agree upon any plan which will be accepted by both Catholic and non-Catholic communities. The dishonouring scheme of secularizing the public school will not last; and we are glad that public opinion is so healthy on this vital question, that it will not accept as permanent any solution of it which leaves out Bible reading and Bible study. Our desire has been and is to have our education religious and non-sectarian; but if this cannot be obtained, then we advocate the adoption of the British system of dealing with this matter.

No one can shut his eyes to the fact, that whatever arrangements Parliaments may make about our schools having or not having the teachings of Bible truths recognized by them, the result in the end is always the same; our people will have such truths recognized and taught to a greater or less extent in our schools. The different provinces of Canada show this fact to the world to-day and the same is emphasized by the agitations concerning this matter in the United States of America. May the result be that soon the supreme authority of the Bible and its teachings will be cordially accepted by all our people the wide world over. But meanwhile the church must so exert its whole influence that the attendance at Sunday