

The Department of Education of Ontario has been unusually active during the last decade. Every educational agency of the Province has been re-surveyed in the light of more recent social and economic movements, and re-adjusted. And the activity promises to continue. But the teachers of Ontario are not always familiar with the readjustments. Many do not understand them. Not a few, it is to be feared, refuse to take interest in them. It should be the function of the Teachers' Institute and in particular of the training school instructors who attend the Institutes to announce and explain all readjustments. Out of perfect understanding by the teacher will come not only wisdom in counsel but also efficiency in school work.

The Ontario Teachers' Alliance is an organization to safeguard the rights and privileges of teachers. It is a trade's union for teachers. The Alliance has found that it cannot do its best work for teachers as an organization wholly independent of the Teachers' Institute. Here and there functions overlap and division of interest results. It has asked that its duties be assumed by the general Teachers' Institute of Ontario and that it be merged into that Institute. The union, if effected, will give the Teachers' Institute in Ontario a special interest in the rights and privileges of teachers. The Institute will become, in a new and a worthy sense, it is to be hoped, the guardian of the profession and of its members. Here lies another sphere of action for the Institute.

**Conference of Canadian Universities.**—The Universities of Canada held their third annual conference in May last in Montreal. There is need of these conferences. No one will urge the standardization of universities but all friends of Canadian Universities will endorse any agency which will clarify the aims of universities, familiarize the country with those aims, and give to the younger or the smaller universities the stimulus of the older and larger. These conferences are in some ways unique. They represent a union out of mutual respect and for mutual betterment among educational institutions that have widely different origins and ideals. Some are denominational universities, some private or endowed, some semi-public, and some public and state-maintained. In its larger aspects this union gives promise of unity amid diversity in the educational future of Canada. In its immediate effects it will bring home to the people of Canada their duties in the maintenance of universities, and to the universities themselves the economic and educational folly of attempts to maintain all modern departments and faculties at each university seat.

The conference of May last gave much attention to war topics. It discussed the relation of the universities to physical and military training. It also discussed the question of education after the war. In the greater