

They lack not only the power of putting pupils in the attitude of attention, but also the faculty of keeping it engaged when once work is started. Hence, it is no uncommon thing to find teachers with even third-class certificates thoroughly at home in school-room work, and far ahead of others whose high certificates fail to guarantee them against the results of their incompetence. Teachers themselves are not so much to blame for this, since they have repeatedly urged upon the Education Department the necessity of making successful experience in teaching a more important element in awarding the higher grades of certificates.

At last the Woman Question is settled, and the sphere of woman's work for the future is a School Board trusteeship. At the recent elections to the School Board of London a signal victory has been won by the lady candidates most of whom were returned by enormous majorities. In Westminster division Miss Edith Simcox polled a large vote. In Chelsea Mrs. Webster headed the poll by 12,588. Lambeth equally displayed its gallantry in electing Miss Müller by a clear majority over the next competitor. In Hackney Mrs. Fenwick Miller had over 11,000 votes recorded in her favour. In Marylebone Mrs. Westlake takes priority over all her competitors with a total of 14,456. In Finsbury Mrs. Surr was returned, and in Southwark Miss Helen Taylor distanced all rivals by nearly 10,000 votes. The next year's administration will assuredly be eagerly watched, though we have ourselves no doubt of the result.

THE County Board of Wellington holds decided opinions in regard to some of the subjects it has to deal with as an examining body. At its last meeting it passed the following resolutions, the second and third of which might in other sections of the country be enforced with advantage to the profession:—1. "That in view of the fact that there are so many unemployed teachers in the county of Wellington, no third-class certificate granted in any other county be endorsed as valid

in either division of this county." 2. "That at the next third-class non-professional examination, six marks shall be deducted for each mis-spelt word in dictation, two for each mistake in spelling or the use of capitals in other subjects; and two marks shall be deducted for each badly punctuated sentence." 3. "That at the third-class examination to be held in July, 1880, the minimum for passing shall be forty per cent. of the marks assigned the paper on Arithmetic, fifty per cent. of the marks on Grammar, and sixty per cent. of the aggregate value of all the papers."

EDUCATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

CHRISTMAS entertainments have recently been in order in most of the Young Ladies' Colleges in the Province, with pleasing results.

WE would call the attention of the profession to the advertisement in our columns of Mr. O'Sullivan's excellent "Manual of Government in Canada," which has just been published. We shall notice it in our next.

THE nominations of the Toronto Public and Separate School Trustees have just been held, with the result that many of the old members have been re-elected. Of the Public School Trustees we are glad to see Mr. Walter S. Lee and Dr. Ogden returned to office.

AT Port Perry, on the evening of the 18th instant, Mr. D. McBride, B.A., Principal of the High School, was presented by his pupils with a handsome silver tea service, accompanied by an address, expressive of their regard for him and their appreciation of his high qualifications as a teacher. Advantage was taken of the occasion to gather together a number of friends of the school from among the citizens and residents of the neighbourhood, many of whom supplemented the presentation by addressing congratulating words to Mr. McBride and the members of the School Board.