

dent at a public meeting held at Portland, St. John.

But this rule was not strictly adhered to: for, not long since, a young man in this County received a License through a report submitted to the Board, after an examination by one of the Inspectors. Unless an alteration has taken place of which we are not apprized, this is dealing out justice with a vengeance. Previous to the time above referred to, some two or three persons from an adjacent parish made application to be admitted in the same way, but were refused, on the ground that the Inspector was not authorized to certify as to the qualifications of teachers for licence.

If some are to be licenced through the recommendation of the District Inspector, and not others, who are equally as well qualified for teachers, it is unjust; if licence can be obtained without the applicant having to go through the training ordeal, let it be so—let the public know it; but if a system of favouritism is to be pursued with regard to the licencing of teachers, it is high time that the whole system, like the Augean stables of mythic times, should be purified.

ONE OF THE CALLING.

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WHO ARE YOUR COMPANIONS.—"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed." It is said to be a property of the frog that it acquires the color of whatever it adheres to for a short time. Thus, when found on growing corn it is commonly of a dark green. If found on the white oak it has the colour peculiar to the tree. Just so it is with men. Tell me whom you choose and prefer as companions, and I certainly can tell you who you are: Do you love the society of the vulgar? Then you are already debased in your sentiments. Do you seek to be with the profane? In your hearts you are like them. Are jest-

ers and buffoons your choice friends? He who loves to laugh at folly, is himself a fool. Do you love and seek the society of the wise and good? Is this your habit? Would you rather take the lowest seat among such than the highest among others? Then you have already learned to be wise and good. You may not have made much progress, but even a good beginning is not to be despised. Hold on your way, and seek to be a companion of all that fear God. So shall you be wise for yourself, and wise for eternity.

THE EFFECTS OF TOBACCO.—The Dublin Medical Press asserts that the pupils of the Polytechnic School in Paris have recently furnished some curious statistics bearing on tobacco. Dividing the young gentlemen of that college into two groups—the smokers and nonsmokers—it shows that the smokers have proved themselves in the various competitive examinations far inferior to the others. Not only in the examinations on entering the school are the smoker in a lower rank, but in the various ordeals that they have to pass through in a year the average rank of the smokers had constantly fallen; and not inconsiderably, while the men who did not smoke enjoyed a cerebral atmosphere of the clearest kind.

TEACHERS' CHARACTERISTIC.—An interesting paper recently read before the English United Association of Teachers, contains the following important generalizations:—

Teachers of limited capacity, or whose command of language is limited, invariably teach best with text-books, or by the individual system of instruction.

Men of fervid imagination, having great command of language and enthusiasm of character, almost invariably become superior teachers.

Decision of character almost invariably forms an element in the qualifications of a superior teacher.

Men who are deficient in general