

Editorial Notes and Comments.

Our contemporary, *L'Enseignement Primaire*, in sending greetings to its readers during the holiday season, gives a short history of the struggling enterprise which, twelve years ago, led to its recognition by the government. The editor of that journal, Professor J. B. Cloutier, late of the Laval Normal School, Quebec, deserves much credit for the manner in which he has conducted the enterprise, and, now that he proposes to devote more attention to making the journal all that he would like it to be, we have no doubt a larger measure of success is in store for this excellent little periodical in the future, even than in the past. Under his new relationship with the government, he recounts his experience with some of the secretary-treasurers who have refused to accept his journal gratuitously. "We would like to inform our readers," he says, "that according to an order of the government we send *L'Enseignement Primaire* gratis to the members of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, to the members of the Council of Public Instruction, to school inspectors, and to secretary-treasurers. Many of the secretary-treasurers do not give themselves the trouble of opening the paper but return it marked *refusé*. It may be understood that we take no account of such, but will continue to follow the orders we have received." There is in the above an excellent example of the steed that won't drink even when the water is brought to him, if it be not an additional evidence of the truth in the adage that there is nothing so readily despised as that which costs nothing. It has been said that the people have to be educated in such a way that they may discern for themselves the principles of a true education as distinguished from one that is superficial; though from the above it may be readily understood, how difficult the process of educating the people in this direction is likely to be. It would be worth while finding out the reasons which some of the above mentioned secretary-treasurers had for returning a journal sent on such liberal terms.

—An outspoken teacher in New Brunswick, who has lately given in his resignation, has written to the papers giving his reasons for resigning, and they are these:

1st. There is no co-operation on the part of the trustees.

2nd. There is no interest displayed on the part of the parents. During a term's service there was not a visit to the school made by a trustee or citizen, save a short business visit by the secretary.