

tinuance except in cases vouched for by a competent authority, when a fee to cover the clerical expense involved is transmitted.

#### PATRIOTISM IN THE SCHOOLS.

Nova Scotia stands well in the Empire. Here the first attempt was successfully made (in 1758) to show how colonies might have selfgovernment within a world wide Empire. Here Empire Day was first formally started on its migration around the globe. And here universal physical, training in the schools, and military training in the higher institutions, for the development of rugged health and good form, and for the preservation of peace in the world, if the same scheme should be adopted throughout the Empire, has come into existence.

Sydney, Antigonish, Halifax, Pictou, as well as Truro, and numerous smaller local centers, have spontaneously rushed, a thousand strong, to the front, although three years have been given to qualify teachers already licensed to conduct the training in the most approved form. The hearty enthusiasm with which all this has been done, and the absence of a single growler, show that our teachers are not mercenaries—that they are true patriots, ready for any reasonable effort for the benefit of the children in their charge, and the good of their country. May the country properly appreciate their spirit.

And here also have we decided to grant a provisional license to any trained teacher from within the Empire who is in good standing and finds a school in which he may be employed: or to exchange for a year with a teacher from Britain, France or Germany.

#### THE GREATER BRITAIN PATRIOTISM.

Every one should know that last year the school children of New Zealand sent about \$1000 as a contribution to the Battlefield Memorial fund of Canada on the occasion of the celebration of the Tercentenary of the founding of Quebec.

Had they known of the later though quieter celebration of the first permanent colonial parliament in Nova Scotia in 1758 and its completion with responsible government in 1848, they would no doubt have preferred to give the contribution to the Halifax Memorial Tower which is to commemorate as well the genesis of their own local government under which New Zealand is the happiest and most loyal member of the Empire. Nova Scotia greets New Zealand on the other side of the globe as one of the noblest patriots in the sisterhood of the Empire.

#### SIMPLIFIED SPELLING.

This appears to be becoming a general world movement except where it is most needed.

Germany and France have lately made extensive changes; and the latter after resistance for many years by the French Academy, is introducing a second instalment.

Most of the other European countries have already been paying attention to orthographic improvement with a view to extending the life and use of their languages, and saving waste of educational energy in the schools.