

PUBLIC OPINION.

THE Government grant per pupil, reckoned on the daily average attendance for England and Wales last year, was \$4.18.

ONE of the last acts of the Emperor Frederick III. was to grant a pension of 3,000 marks to the widow of Froebel, who lives in Hamburg.

SAN FRANCISCO Sabbath breakers received a sharp rebuke at the hands of the National Education Association which held its convention recently in that city. The Sightseers' Club, a local organization, had prepared an excursion on Sabbath to the top of Mt. Tamalpais for the benefit of the Association. They were on hand—both ladies and gentlemen—at the wharf on the Lord's Day morning, to escort their guests on the proposed outing; when lo! not one of the expected guests put in an appearance. Well done, teachers!—*Presbyterian Review*.

THE *Queen* gives a brief outline of the progress of our High Schools for Girls, many points in which will be found interesting. A company was formed some years ago to establish institutions of this kind, and all of them are in a prosperous condition. They number no less than thirty-two, educating over 6,000 girls; employ a staff of no less than 500 teachers at a cost of £60,000 a year for salaries; expend £1,200 annually in scholarships and prizes; and can boast of having educated no less than 20,000 pupils. This is the work of one company alone. Miss Brough, the registrar of the Teachers' Guild, states that there are at least 130 High Schools in working order, educating 24,000 pupils, and employing at least 1,000

mistresses. That these schools have improved the education of the present race of girls and young women who have passed through them, is manifest to every one.

A NEW departure in girls' schools is being tried in Russia. Countenanced and aided by the State, a lady has opened in a village near Kief a school where girls of the lower classes will be instructed in such branches of *petite culture* as women can profitably attend to, from market-gardening to bee-keeping. The school is to receive a yearly grant in aid of 1,500 roubles. Rural School Boards in England (says the *St. James's Gazette*) might perhaps take the idea into serious consideration. The wives and mothers of a future generation of British husbandmen would probably find a practical knowledge of dairy-farming and poultry-keeping even more useful than the arts and sciences they are now encouraged, if not required, to study.—*Schoolmaster*.

THE last report of the Superintendent of Education in Quebec comments on the very meagre salaries paid to teachers in that province. Female teachers in the rural districts rarely get more than from \$60 to \$80 a year for ten months' work; the average salary is from \$50 to \$60, and some of them are required to do certain "chores" in addition to teaching. There are 4,465 elementary schools in the province, of which 3,501 are Roman Catholic and 964 Protestant. The total school population is 258,607, the Roman Catholic pupils numbering 219,403 and the Protestant 37,484. These figures include the pupils at all the schools and colleges.