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WE publish in this number the first of a series of articles on the very important subject of the education of woman. The first article is, properly speaking, introductory, but will be followed by others of a more practical character. Independent of the influences to which the writer alludes, there have been in this country other influences at work in the education of young women, which are by no means of a beneficial character. Convent schools have held out attractions and offered inducements to parents who have too often been thoughtlessly led by them to send their daughters to such institutions. The results have been by no means satisfactory. Many girls, entrusted at the most impressionable time of life to the care of teachers who have been taught to believe that they are bound by every means to make converts, have been seduced by the glare and glitter of a form of worship which appeals powerfully to the senses, to forsake the pure scriptural faith of their fathers. Efforts have occasionally been made to find a remedy for this state of things, hitherto unsuccessfully. The extent of the evil is not fully known, nor its importance appreciated. Occasionally an instance may occur which attracts more than usual attention, and the propriety of establishing institutions under Protestant supervision is talked of, but nothing more. Why this should be so with the wealth and intelligence, and when properly appealed to, the earnest devotion to truth of our own people, it is not easy to divine. An institution for the higher education of women is required and doubtless will in some future time be secured. In the meantime, and without entering more fully upon the consideration of the question, we would commend it to the attention of our readers.

MISSIONARY labour among the lumbermen in the Ottawa district, which last winter

was prosecuted to some extent, has not been neglected this season, as will be seen by a report of the committee, which will be found in the "News of our Church." It is essentially a Home Mission and one of a very important character. A very plausible objection is often made to Foreign Missions, that there is enough of religious destitution at home, let that be first attended to and when some good has been effected there, it will be time enough to look after those perishing for lack of knowledge in foreign parts. Well, here is undoubtedly a claim for those who entertain such a feeling, which they can scarcely repudiate. The outlay is not very great. Those whom it is to benefit are at our very door, and if there ever was a test of sincerity applied to those who decline to contribute to Foreign Missions, on the ground of the necessity of attending first to those of our own household, this is surely such a test. The Rev. Mr. Gordon, or Mr. Andrew Drummond, of Ottawa, will furnish any information required, and we trust to hear good results of the winter's labours.

BLANK forms for the Church Statistics of 1869 will be forwarded to the several congregations. Let us hope that the reproach which has so long attached to us in this regard, will at the next meeting of the Synod be removed, and that we shall be enabled to present a fair exhibit of the work and progress of the Church. The amount of thought and time involved in the filling up of their annual returns is so small that to omit the doing of it becomes unpardonable neglect, while the injustice done to those congregations and Presbyteries who faithfully comply with the Synod's injunction is cruel and unjustifiable. The captious and careless may turn away in contempt from these columns of figures,