

not for teaching arithmetic to the agricultural labourer. It will or spoil him. He has got to lead horse and to handle the plough, not figures.' No wonder that there are rumors of hostility in these quarters against the educational zeal of Dr. Bosse."

We think, however, that there is one defect in the organization of the New Brunswick University, which could be slightly improved in order that the *esprit de corps* of its *alumni* and *alumnal* may be developed into something broader and more spirited. The University has produced many local men of standing and some of remarkable outside prominence, and yet for some reason or other, when a degree comes to these as a reward for their genius and culture and industry, it has generally been obtained from some outer institution, simply because, as it has been alleged, somebody in the Alumni Society, remembering certain idiosyncrasies of their student days, blocks the way to the conferring of the well-merited honor. It would be invidious for us to mention the names of those who have been thus overlooked. The members of the Alumni Society can easily recall them, if they will only run away for a moment from local prejudice and less important university matters. In a word, the institution has made itself too local. It has been burying itself away for years from the world of letters and science. It is not in touch with Canadian affairs, and if we have by any chance laid bare the secret of its sequestration, it is to be hoped that the discovery will not give any offence, but encourage the men who have the best interests of the institution at heart to make more of its honor-conferring powers and thus bring it in line with our other Canadian collegiate corporations, as fundamental elements of our nationality.

It would appear that Prince Ed-

ward Island is not free from the influence that would provoke another "school question" in its capital. The settlement of the various difficulties at the time of the passing of the Free School Act of 1877 was happily concluded by Bishop McIntyre and Dr. Harper, now of Quebec. The settlement, naturally enough, did not give universal satisfaction at the time, but it formed a basis for peaceable operations which have continued ever since, and was loyally adhered to by the good old philanthropist who induced his people to accept the terms of the Board of School Commissioners. There have been recent changes on that Board, however, which have led to a restlessness in the community, though, let us hope, not anything very serious. The city schools continue under very much the same organization that was inaugurated in 1877, and if any difficulty occurs it will be in connection with the transfer, support and supervision of a new school which is being conducted under the Bishop's direct supervision in the Pownal Street district of Charlottetown. There are two institutions for the higher education on the Island, St. Dunstan College, a Roman Catholic institution, and The Prince of Wales' College, an institution supported by the province, but beyond this there is no separating of the schools, which are in every district under the supervision of one Board of Commissioners and one Board of Education.

The appointments to the Educational Council should have been made by the 15th Oct. last. The nominees of the Senate of the University of Toronto are President Loudon, Chancellor Burwash, Rev. Father Teefy, and Professors Baker, Alexander and Hutton. The nominees (six) of the Government of Ontario are not yet known.