

We have had complaints from several teachers, that the sections in which they were engaged failed in providing books, consequently the children of the poor had none. In all such cases we have directed the attention of Trustees to the requirements of the law, and insisted that the Trustees should see that the section purchased such books as were needed for use in the school. Inspectors should have a constant watchfulness over this subject, the "well to do" can purchase for themselves, the poor cannot, and as this class is ever liable to be neglected by their more fortunate neighbors, Trustees should be the more watchful, and feel it to be a most important part of their duty to see that all children have the books which their various studies require. There is no difficulty in procuring books, as our prescribed works are sold by all booksellers and at very reasonable prices.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

Table XXI shows the result of the Teachers Examination in July last. There were 1761 candidates for all grades examined at the several stations. Of this number 17 were applicants for Grade A or the Academic Grade; 146 for Grade B; 722 for Grade C; 692 for D; and 184 for Grade E. The number of applicants for 1876 exceeded the preceding year by 359. Of the 1761 who presented themselves as candidates for license to teach, 991 succeeded in obtaining some grade, while 770 failed in making an average, entitling them to any class whatever. The number who received Grade A was, it will be observed, much larger than usual. In consequence of the legislation of last year, a large proportion being examined on professional subjects only according to the following clause in the Acts as amended:—

1. "A graduate in the Faculty of Arts of any University in Her Majesty's dominions having power to grant degrees in Arts, who shall have obtained his degree between the first day of January, A. D., 1866, and the first day of January, A. D., 1877, shall, upon application and upon passing a satisfactory examination in the subjects usually known as professional subjects, receive a license to teach of the grade commonly known as Grade A.

2. "No person shall be entitled to the privilege mentioned in the preceding section who shall graduate after the first day of January, A. D., 1877, in any institution other than the University of Halifax, incorporated during the present session of the Legislature. All graduates in Arts of such last named University shall be entitled to the privilege aforesaid.

3. "So much of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, 'Of Public Instruction,' or any Act in amendment thereof, or of any regulation of the Council of Public Instruction, as is inconsistent with this Act is repealed."

The privilege here granted was for several years recommended, and its becoming a law is but an act of justice to our college student. In consequence of the limitation of time as specified in the act, all graduates who contemplated teaching at any subsequent time made haste to avail themselves of the law, hence we find the number unusually large. We