

school, supported and controlled by the State, and there is not one word in the text-book that makes it any less appropriate for other public schools. Indeed it is avowedly prepared for "mixed schools," wherever found.

Dr Crafts proves his case and once for all the possibility of a common handbook has been established.

The dignified rebuke to the hierarchy contained in the resolution could not have been better expressed. Such a protest will be listened to in quarters where civil and religious liberty are prized and the answer will be conveyed with emphasis through the ballot box.

Dr. Langtry and the Presbyterian Church.

Our friend Dr. Langtry has been at it again. When Principal Sheraton brought in a resolution into the Diocesan Synod to send greetings to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and bid it Godspeed in its work he was suddenly checked by Dr. Langtry who would have nothing to do with any such schismatic body and could not recognize it as a church at all. At such an exhibition of narrow minded bigotry we rub our eyes and wonder whether this can really be the Nineteenth Century. His position seemed to meet with some support in the Synod or it would have no significance at all. But it is not the first time that a few noisy cacklers have made themselves appear a great host, and we think better of the Anglican Church than to suppose that he represents any considerable number among their intelligent clergy, and we would expect the laity to be utterly ashamed of him. We have no doubt most of them are, and we would venture to suggest that it would be a good time for them to do a little quiet thinking. Dr. Langtry claims that this is the logical conclusion from the principle of Apostolical Succession. It is not easy to answer him from that point of view and it might well lead to serious doubts as to the soundness of a principle that leads to such absurd and un-Christian results. But if they are not prepared to give up the principle we trust they will cultivate the virtue of modesty and charity as an offset to it, in order that they may avoid such absurd and ridiculous conclusions as those of Dr. Langtry. It is an Englishman's privilege to be illogical. We trust they will live up to their privileges and next time send a good strong deputation to the General Assembly with the best of good will. A Church which is growing like ours can afford to be generous for once and over look this momentary outburst of petty spleen. We should be sorry to see a church which has so much good in it after all relegate itself permanently to such a case of mediæval darkness as this lapse would imply.

Presbyterian Ladies College.

The announcement that the Principalship of the Presbyterian Ladies College, Toronto, has been offered to the Rev. J. A. Macdonald, of Knox Church, St. Thomas, will be received with much satisfaction by all the friends of that admirable institution. The choice is a singularly happy one. Mr. Macdonald is one of the best known and most trusted of the brilliant young ministers in the church, and his name will be a guarantee of the admirable and competent direction of the important institution over which he will preside. He will prove a good principal in many respects and in none more so than in the strength which his administrative and educational abilities will bring to the management. The work will be congenial to one of his literary tastes and should not materially, if at all, interfere with the arduous journalistic work in which he is now engaged and into which he has decided to throw his very best effort. We wish the College all success under his guidance.

As Others See Us.

We do not often place before our readers compliments paid to THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW on its success and enterprise as a high-class religious journal. These be the days when an excess of modesty is unfashionable and we are tempted into the procession. Here are a few extracts from the Toronto daily press, describing our General Assembly number of last week. We thank our secular confreres for their kind words, and at the same time for the kind words they so often utter on behalf of religion and its agencies, and for the religious press. The Canadian Press needs no apology and we offer none; we do it only the merest justice when we say that we could have no more sympathetic journalistic allies than those that occupy the secular arena in Canada.

The current issue of "The Presbyterian Review" is a General Assembly number. A supplement accompanies the issue, a fine photogravure reproduction of the large picture of the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The topics of interest to this session of the Assembly are fully discussed, Rev. Dr. Robertson's sermon as retiring Moderator is printed in full, a sketch of the history of the Central Presbyterian Church is given and condensations of a number of the more important reports of the Church are published. The entire number will be of much interest to commissioners to the General Assembly and to the Church at large.—*Globe*.

A most interesting number of "The Presbyterian Review" has been issued in connection with the General Assembly. It is beautifully illustrated with pictures of the Central church, where the Assembly meet, and with portraits of the retiring Moderator and leading fathers of the Church. The contents are interesting, dealing largely with Assembly matters, and the get-up is attractive and the workmanship first-class. Accompanying it as a supplement is a fine engraving of the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the only print of this picture in existence. It is probably the largest group, half-tone, ever published here, and is an admirable reproduction.—*Mail*.

The General Assembly number of "The Presbyterian Review," published this week, is an excellent issue. Besides presenting its readers with a double-page photo-engraving of members of the first General Assembly held in Montreal in 1875. The "Review" contains several illustrations of leading members and officers of the Assembly, with portraits of the three divines who have filled the pulpit of the Central church, where the General Assembly holds its sessions. The picture of the General Assembly of 1875 is one that all Presbyterians will cherish. The issue is also full of interesting matter relating to the General Assembly and the Schemes of the Church.—*World*.

This week "The Presbyterian Review" issues a well illustrated special edition in connection with the Presbyterian General Assembly, now being held in the Central Presbyterian Church. As a supplement to the paper, a photo-engraving of the first General Assembly, held on June 15th, 1875, is given. The paper contains illustrations of the Central Presbyterian Church, Dr. Jennings's church on Bay street and of Rev. David Mitchell, the first pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Rev. P. McF. McLeod, Rev. Dr. McTavish, Rev. James Robertson, Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Rev. John McMillan, Rev. Dr. Torrence, Rev. R. H. Warden, and other officers of the Church.—*Evening Star*.

One of the most hopeful signs in mission lands is the awakening of a desire to help others. The contributions of the Zulus last year in the field occupied by the American Board amounted to \$4,174. The force consists of thirty missionaries, sixty-four native teachers and 160 helpers. There are twenty churches with an aggregate membership of 2,000 and nearly an equal number of Sabbath school scholars.