

EXAMINATIONS AND EXAMINERS.

"Some of our teachers tell extraordinary stories of what has happened in connection with the examinations (departmental), but they are so afraid they would not be re-appointed examiners that they are afraid to speak except in confidence." The above is an extract from a letter recently received by the editor of this magazine. Similar expressions of opinion have been received by him from others who are actively engaged in the educational work of Ontario. We must not forget that there is a time to speak and a time of silence. But when silence is the result of fear from such causes as mentioned in the above extract; then, evidently, the education of the country suffers loss.

Another cause has also been mentioned to us, viz., fear of opposition or even coercion on the part of the department of education through and by the Inspectors. The suggestive word "cowed" has been applied to the teaching profession as descriptive of the teachers' attitude towards

the discussion of public educational questions.

To many teachers this state of matters has been so obvious that they have been seeking for a remedy to account for such an unusual state of inactivity on the part of those who are so competent to instruct and guide public opinion in matters affecting the weal of the community in educational affairs.

Two suggestions have been offered: 1. Restore, in spirit, the council of Public Instruction; 2. have a permanent Board of Examiners. The Minister of Education is dealing with the first suggestion during this session of the Ontario Legislature. What shall be done with the second? Is there any relief in it for the educators of the Province?

What about the granting of certificates to teachers? Are teachers to have any part in the admission of members to their calling? or can they have? What do the teachers of Ontario say on these important questions? The people ought to hear from them.

SCHOOL WORK.

CLASSICAL DEPARTMENT.

SENTENCES BASED ON CÆSAR FOR TRANSLATION INTO LATIN.

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1. For Primary Candidates

(a) The British chieftains having collected their forces made a fierce attack on the two legions which had landed from the Roman ships.

(b) Perceiving that his men were not able to stand their attacks he sent the tribune with one cohort and about 200 cavalry as a reinforcement.

(c) When they came to the camp

next day he asked why they had not sent the grain which they had promised a few days before to give us.

(d) We learned from the scouts whom we had sent to visit the island, that the tribes which inhabited the coast were accustomed to use larger boats than the Gauls.

(e) Several of our men had been very severely wounded by the darts which the enemy were hurling from the heights at those who were landing.