

pupils presented Mr. Mercier with an address, in answer to which he delivered an excellent address to them on the subject "Knowledge is Power." His efforts at least show how far he is convinced that knowledge is a power for good in the Province of Quebec.

—An alderman in Chicago is preparing a novel plan which provides for the appointment of a matron for each public school, whose sole duty will be to keep an eye on the scholars and see that their clothing, shoes and stockings are not wet before they enter upon their school duties. When the influenza epidemic was at its height, Alderman Powers learned that 30,000 school children were stricken with the complaint, and after studying the matter he came to the conclusion that some of the children must have caught the epidemic because of the wet weather.

—The teachers of Nova Scotia are considering their course of study in council ; and it is interesting to notice that what they want the teachers of Quebec have had for some time. The Committee have decided, we are told :—(1.) That the course of study prescribed for High Schools, and the syllabus of examination for licenses of various grades, shall be so assimilated as to constitute in effect but one course; (2.) That on completion of the High School course students should be awarded graduation diplomas by the Education Department; (3.) That the non-professional requirements for licenses of Grades D, C and B, should conform as nearly as possible in character and extent to the work of the first, second and third year, respectively, of the High School course; and (4.) That an adequate guarantee of professional knowledge and skill should be required of every candidate for license to teach in the schools of Nova Scotia. And yet there are, perhaps, hardly any of those who advocate these changes who are not ready to say that Quebec is far behind the age in school administration.

—From our French contemporary, *L'Enseignement Primaire*, we learn that the Teachers' Association of the Laval Normal School held their annual convention on the 25th of January last. The question of subsidy came up, and the intelligence that the government had given a grant to the association was received with applause. Mr. Cloutier then gave in a report of the Pension Commission. Afterwards there were discussions on the course for model school diploma, and the teaching of drawing.

—The new Superintendent for Pennsylvania is Dr. D. J. Waller, whose appointment has been well received by all his co-educationists in the state. Dr. Waller is a graduate of