

we owe very much, namely, the Rev. Canon Pilot, the late Dr. Milligan and the late Mr. Fenelon. By their zeal and devotion to the cause of education we owe the present high standard of which we are justly proud. The two latter gentlemen have passed away, they rest from their labours, but the former is still hale and hearty, to all appearances, as the day he entered upon the work, and as enthusiastic as ever. Younger men have filled up the ranks made vacant, and by reason of their high attainments, culture and energy, we may confidently look forward to no falling in the work, but rather to still greater advancement in the near future. I trust that in the remarks that I have made in moving the second reading of this Bill, there will be found sufficient to warrant the house in adopting the measure. I feel sure it is one that must commend itself to every member thereof. The difficulty anticipated in regard to the

important defect in our educational system to which I have alluded, has been removed by friendly discussion and mutual concessions. The guaranteed success of the important amendment in this bill in reference to amalgamated Schools lies in the fact that this is voluntary and not compulsory legislation. No matter how desirable legislation may be in matters pertaining to the welfare of the Colony, unless such legislation enlists public sympathy and support it must utterly fail.

We have in this bill the solution of a question that has puzzled all legislatures up to the present time. Therefore if the Government were to go out of power tomorrow they would have the satisfaction of knowing that they have accomplished for this country and for the education of generations to come more than any body of men that has ever sat in this house. I beg to move the second reading of the bill.

