

an English education. (2) A commercial course consisting of bookkeeping and commercial transactions, business forms and usages. Stenography and typewriting may be taken at the option of the trustees. (3) A science course consisting of the elements of physics and chemistry in their relation to the productive industries of the province. (4) A course in agriculture consisting of the chemistry of the soil, the botany of the farm and garden, entomology and the elements of geology and mineralogy, and (5) an artisan course, consisting of free hand, model and mechanical drawing and decorative designs. (6) A teacher's course, consisting of such subjects not included in the preceding courses as may be prescribed by the Education Department for teachers' non-professional certificates. (7) A matriculation course consisting of such subjects as may be prescribed for matriculation into the University of Toronto.

(2) In every High School and Collegiate Institute advanced instruction shall be obligatory in the ordinary branches of an English education, hereinbefore designated as the General Course, and in so many of the other courses mentioned in the preceding subsection as the trustees of each High School may, at a special meeting of the board to be held in the last quarter of each academic year, deem expedient.

The proposal was withdrawn near the end of the session by the Minister. If the bill introduced had become law, would the change in our school programme caused thereby make it easier for a master to advise his pupils what course of studies to take? "Judge ye."

A contributor sends to us the following in reference to what we said about the "open door" to High Schools. It is obvious that the admission to High Schools is too stringently

guarded to the serious loss of the country:

PRIVATE SCHOOLS OF ONTARIO.—Admission.—It is not necessary for a boy to pass an entrance examination for admission to any of the schools. Each school has a preparatory form so that boys, who are not far enough advanced to enter Form I, may be admitted and then make preparation. Good moral character is a necessary qualification. It is also desirable to secure boys at an early age, when their habits of life have not been formed. Older boys are only admitted when highly recommended.

Fees.—The fees at Ridley, Port Hope, and Upper Canada are at present \$267 per annum, but if paid in advance \$240. After this year the fees will be \$300 per annum. These fees include board and tuition in the regular subjects. Books, etc., and tuition in special subjects are extra. Day pupils pay about \$75 per year. At Woodstock College the fees are \$145 per annum. These terms can be offered because of an annual endowment of \$8,000.

Attendance.—Upper Canada: Boarders, 135; day pupils, 135. Ridley: Boarders and day pupils, 90. Port Hope: Boarders and *day pupils, 90. Woodstock College: Boarders, 130.

There is also a school for junior boys at Lakefield, Ont., but the average attendance is small.

Unhappily, the educator, like all other men, and especially women, is always under the fire of the temptation to idealize and exaggerate. And nowhere is this temptation more perilous than in connection with the elementary department of our improved school-keeping, including the kindergarten. The thoughtful looker-on at the late convention of the National Education Association in Washington (1898)

*There are very few day pupils at Ridley and Port Hope.