

MISCELLANEOUS.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—We have been for the last year and a half, furnishing you with a Magazine, which is acknowledged by the press and the public generally to be of great service in the spread of sound educational principles and other useful knowledge, such as every family requires, and at a price within the reach of all; we commenced, too, at a time when the all-important subject of Education had not a special advocate among any of the fifty journals published in the Lower Provinces of British North America. We beg, therefore, under these and other considerations, that those of our subscribers who are in arrears of payment, to make remittance to us at as early a date as convenient.

Though our terms are payment in advance—single subscribers, 3s. 9d., clubs, 3s.—still there is a large amount of arrears due, which would be very useful at this time in keeping us all right with the Printer.

Now friends—if you will be so kind as to pay, we promise in future, to work harder, think and write intellectually better, and, if possible, give you a more useful Magazine; so please give us the *sineus of war*.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE, ST. JOHN.—A large and influential meeting was recently held in St. John, attended by nearly eighty teachers, male and female, when various matters were discussed, connected with the subject of elementary instruction, and a committee organized to draw up a code of Rules for the government and regulation of a Teachers' Institute, to be established at and for the City and County of St. John. This is a step in the right direction; the other Counties in the Province should do likewise.

Teachers' Institutes have been found of great service in all countries where education is making salutary progress. At the meetings, which are held in some places quarterly, in others half yearly, the various systems of teaching, the kind of books and in-

struments in use, and the best remedies for defects, are freely discussed.

THE WESTERN NEWS, BRIDGETOWN, N. S.—“The Parish School Advocate” has, within the last few months been the subject of numerous eulogistic editorials by a large portion of the intelligent press of the Lower Provinces. Some one has said that

“He that steals my purse steals trash,
But he that steals my good name,
steals my all.”

Now, the Press has given us a “good name,” better, we fear, than we deserve, though straining every nerve to make our periodical useful and entertaining.

After a careful perusal of the following extracts, from a long, and by us esteemed, article, from the paper whose name is given above, we have no doubt that our readers will make an extra effort to increase the circulation of the *Parish School Advocate*, at the same time not forgetting to favour us with a little of what the poet comparatively calls *trash*, though to us **NEEDFUL**.

Now friends if you will give us a more liberal support, we promise to give you better matter and more of it for the money you now pay. The *St. John Courier* says, we ought to have thousands of paying subscribers.

And “*The Western News*,” an ably conducted and business like paper, says:

“In calling the attention of our readers and especially of those of them who occupy the high places in society, to this very useful publication, we should pay it no very high compliment if we were simply to say, without further remark, that it is the best edited and most practical work of its class that has hitherto been published in British America.

* * * “The ‘Advocate’ is a handsomely printed monthly pamphlet of 16 pages, containing, in addition to one long and admirably written article on some important branch of the Theory or Practice of Educa-