

could be devised, but he wished to consider it.

The motion was allowed to stand.

March, 21.

SCHOOL LAW.

Mr. McCraney moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Act respecting the Public, Separate, and High Schools. He explained that the principal provisions provided for the holding of the elections in villages, towns, and cities, but not in townships. It also provided that the qualifications of members should be the same as for municipal councillors, and that councillors should not be eligible for seats on the boards.

Mr. Wood objected to the holding of the elections at the same time as that of municipal elections, because politics were introduced into the latter elections.

Mr. Ross (Middlesex) asked the hon. gentleman to withdraw the bill after having expressed his opinions. The matter would receive the attention of the Government.

The bill was withdrawn.

March 24.

ORDERS-IN-COUNCIL.

Mr. Meredith moved—"That in the opin-

ion of this House all orders-in-Council determining or granting the basis for the distribution of Legislative grant in aid of Collegiate Institutes and High Schools ought, before becoming operative, to be submitted to and ratified by the vote of this House."

The Minister of Education moved in amendment: That all after the word "that" in the motion be struck out and the following substituted—"The basis on which the legislative grant is distributed to High Schools and Collegiate Schools is tentative, and subject to such modifications from time to time as experience may justify, and the interests of higher education require, and that until fuller information is obtained regarding the operation and effect of the present scheme, it is not expedient to restrain the liberty which the Education Department has always exercised in dealing with the matter."

The amendment was carried on division.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

The bill to amend and consolidate the Acts respecting Industrial Schools was read a third time and passed.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

WE would be glad to receive from the Secretaries of the Conventions their programmes, and also an account of the proceedings.

*The Little Christian* (25 cents a year, Scriptural Tract Repository, Boston), now in its 14th vol. is an excellent paper for small children. Its aim is high.

THOSE in quest of a good English Dictionary should not fail to see the new Webster. All that we have said in review of this monumental work in 1881 and 1882, we may repeat with renewed emphasis in 1884.

LATINE for March, has an admirable list of books for collateral reading or reference for a Latin collegiate course. It has another instalment of "Aliquot ex Lælio Ciceronis Idiomatica."

WE have received from the Minister of Education for Ontario, a copy of the catalogue of the Museum of the Education Department, Ontario, compiled by the Superintendent Dr. S. P. May.

THE new book firm, Messrs. Williamson & Co., have removed from King St. East to 5 King St. West. They have lately issued a clearance list of educational works at remarkably low prices.

MESSRS. COPP CLARK & Co., have laid on our table the second edition of Mr. Strang's "Exercises in False Syntax," and the third

edition of Mr. Knight's "Chemistry for High Schools." The rapid sale of these books so creditable to Canadian scholarship, has amply justified the warm praise THE MONTHLY felt justified in bestowing upon them on their first appearance.

THAT lively educational satire, "The Adventures of No. 7," which we noticed some time ago, is attracting, as we ventured to predict, much attention from the teaching profession and the general public interested in education. It is no fatuous Quixote on a sorry jade that pricks across the plain this time.

IT is worth notice that three of the great English novelists are simultaneously contributing to the Harper periodicals: Charles Reade, with "A Perilous Secret," to the *Basar*; Wilkie Collins, with "I Say No," to the *Week*; and William Black, with "Judith Shakespeare," to the *Magazine*.

JUST as we go to press, we receive from the Canada Publishing Company, Toronto, a copy of their First Reader, Normal Music Course, prepared by those well-known experts, Messrs H. E. Holt musical director of the Boston Public Schools Jno. W. Tufts musical composer, and S. H. Preston, Toronto Normal School. The book is now in use in the Provincial Normal and Model Schools. We shall notice it fully next month.