

from divulging even to his own minister, and session the amount of his benefactions, may stand on defensible ground, but it is much more likely that the majority of objectors to the Schedule System object, if the whole truth were told, because they themselves would not like to see on paper the yearly amount of their contributions to the schemes of their Church.

**ILLNESS OF DR. GEORGE.**—The Rev. Dr. George of Stratford continues very ill and the Presbytery of London have granted his request to allow the congregation to choose a colleague. Stratford is now an important charge. In the town alone the number of families has increased from 5 to 50 under the able ministry of Dr. George who is highly esteemed not only by the members of his congregation but by all who know him.

WE publish in this number some interesting documents relating to the dogma of the Infallibility of the Pope now proclaimed as the doctrine of the Romish Church. They are of some length but will repay perusal.

THE School Commissioners of Montreal are determined that they will at least deserve to be successful in their efforts to extend education as far as possible to all that part of the population of that city which comes within the reach of their influence. They have lately assumed the charge of the High School, and are making such arrangements as to make it as efficient as possible and to give the blessing of a liberal education at such a rate of charge as will enable parents of moderate means to avail themselves of the advantages it offers for their children. In the Preparatory Department some very important changes are to be made. It is well known that in Montreal a knowledge of the French language is almost indispensable to those who engage in business or who enter on a professional career. It has, therefore, been very wisely, we think, determined to begin the children in this department with French and to teach it with English and other branches. As the children will be admitted from the age of six, it will be seen how greatly their early introduction to this study will facilitate their acquisition of the language, and will also prepare them for mastering the rudiments of the Latin on which they

will enter during the last year, by the early habit it will give them of grappling with the difficulties of a foreign tongue. It is intended that this juvenile department shall be placed under the care of thoroughly trained mistresses, and that the pupils will be removed from the bigger boys of the High School. No doubt, out of deference to the wishes of many parents, the commissioners have decided to divide the school into two departments for the more advanced pupils—the Commercial and Classical Departments. The names of the head masters who are to preside over these are a guarantee for the thoroughness of the training, but we confess that we should have preferred, if it were possible to manage it, that *all* the scholars should have at least the groundwork of a classical education, as there is no man, in whatever business in life he may be engaged, who would not profit by it. We are aware that there is a feeling among many that the study of the Classics is a useless expenditure of time and a waste of labour on the part of the young. We trust, however, that the Commissioners may be enabled to overcome this prejudice and to raise the standard of education to a higher point than what appears now to be thought necessary.

IN addition to the details of the death of the Rev. Mr. Wallace to be found in another part of this number, we can but add our expression of sympathy with the bereaved family in their affliction. We know that the sympathies of the whole Church are with them, and that although Mr. Wallace, from his reserved, undemonstrative disposition, was not so widely known as some others of his brethren, he has yet left behind him many warm and devoted friends, who mourn his loss.

### In Memoriam.

#### DEATH OF THE REV. A. WALLACE, HUNTINGDON.

On Monday night, 4th ultimo, at half-past nine o'clock the Kiln of the Grist Mill of Mr. Archd. Henderson, Huntingdon, was discovered to be on fire. The flames spread rapidly and all efforts to save the mill were vain. Between the Grist and Planing Mills was a shed, and to save the latter mill, it was necessary the shed should be removed. It was torn down at the