

the speaker on the opposite side had assumed, that the representatives of higher education were very learned and the masses densely ignorant. Mr. McKenzie appealed to any undergraduate there—to this conscience. (Laughter.) He also pointed out that the connecting links between the various stages of education were very close. The common school was the daughter of the University.

—Rev. Father McGlynn, in an interview not long ago, insisted that he had not retracted one word of his opinions on parochial schools, which led to ecclesiastical censure being placed on himself. Now he goes still further, and declares that it is not the province of priests, monks and other ecclesiastics to teach anything but religion. The public schools, when properly conducted, are all that could be desired. Parochial schools are improper, for reason that the children who attend them are isolated in a manner. Religion should be taught only in churches, Sunday-schools and at the mother's knee.

—Among those lately honoured by the *Schoolmaster* in its notices are Dr. Forsyth and James Paterson, Esq., of Edinburgh. Of the latter that paper says:—Mr. James Paterson, South Bridge Public School, is a native of Kilkerran, Ayrshire. He served as a pupil teacher in the Milton School, Glasgow, moving into the Glasgow E. C. Training College in 1864-65. For two years subsequently he served as second master in the Gorbals Youths' School, being then promoted to the head-mastership of the Carron Company's School, Carron. Here he worked for twelve and a half years, being appointed in 1880 by the Edinburgh School Board head master of the North Canongate School. In 1886, Mr. Paterson was transferred to his present school. He has been chairman of the Stirling and Edinburgh branches of the Institute, and is at present a member of several special committees of the Institute.

—The sale of the old British and Canadian school property, corner of Cotte and Lagauchetiere streets, to Messrs. S. H. & A. S. Ewing, spice manufacturers, is reported. J. Cradock Simpson & Company were the agents, and the price realized is understood to be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The purchasers are to obtain possession on the first of May. This was the oldest school building in Montreal, having been designed by the architect of Notre Dame Church.

—The need of a Union Club for the McGill boys is being felt every day, and it seems that in another year such an institution will be inaugurated.