

gestions. Upon the whole the meetings at Montreal may be regarded as fairly successful, and it may be hoped that at next year's meeting—probably at Toronto or Halifax—a large attendance will be secured. The meetings in future will usually be held before the close of the vacation, so as not to clash with the work of the courts.

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NEW PUBLICATION.

A MANUAL OF COMMON SCHOOL LAW, by C. W. Bardeen, editor of the *School Bulletin*.—Publisher, C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse, N.Y.

The title of this work indicates its nature. It is not a wholly new production, for the first edition was published in 1875, and new editions have appeared almost every year, with additions and changes required by statutory amendments. But the book has now been entirely re-written, and adapted to the existing condition of the law. The first part treats of the school officer, and the second, of the school teacher. Considerable space is devoted to the law concerning the status of the teacher, the extent of his authority as teacher, and his control over the child. There are more than 750 references to legal decisions. One of the perplexities of teachers managing unruly children in country schools has been the extent of their authority to punish, and a great many decisions are referred to on this subject. The later decisions tend to restrict considerably the authority of the teacher with respect to corporal punishment. In one of the earlier cases a male teacher was sustained for whipping a female pupil 21 years of age. Later cases show that juries have sometimes found against the teacher even where the chastisement was both moderate and appropriate. Teachers everywhere will be interested in this valuable manual, and it will also be serviceable to the legal profession.

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IN RE "PRESS-POST."

*Proceedings for contempt—Right of newspapers to report court proceedings—Abuse of such right—What will amount to contempt of court.*

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