

—THE attention of our readers is called to the valuable suggestions contained in the letter by Miss Cole, head-teacher of Barnston Model School. The letter referred to will be found on another page of this number of the RECORD.

### **Current Events.**

As will be seen by a reference to the minutes of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, Mr. William Maclaren, of Huntingdon, has been appointed to the membership of the Committee made vacant by the death of the late Dr. Cameron.

—MCGILL UNIVERSITY has just received another gift from Mr. W. C. McDonald, who has already done so much for the institution. He has given a sum of \$12,500 to form an endowment fund for the department of Architecture and for the purchase of material and necessary apparatus. Speaking of donations to the higher institutions of learning, an exchange stated recently that during the past year the colleges and universities in the United States have received bequests and endowments amounting to \$16,814,000. Nearly one-fourth of this amount was given to the University of California and the rest in larger and smaller amounts to other colleges.

—THE total number of students attending the various classes of McGill College during this session, is one thousand and seventy-three. These are divided as follows among the various faculties: Law, 47; Medicine, 425; Arts, 372; Applied Science, 229; Veterinary Science, 24. Twenty-four students are reported as taking more than one course.

—AT the last meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, the revision of the course of study was discussed. In consequence of the elevation of the course of study at McGill University, it has been found necessary to raise that at the public schools leading up to it, for matriculation and other purposes. It may be found expedient to remove some of the subjects such as writing, book-keeping, drawing, etc., from the list of those coming under the immediate scrutiny of the government board of school examiners, and in this case the examination of pupils in these branches may be left more to the appreciation of the teacher, subject, of course, to the direct inspection of the Inspector of Superior Schools.