

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The articles on "The Monopoly of the Ontario School System" and "Parental Rights in Education," in this issue, are from the pen of a newly engaged collaborator of long experience in connection with Catholic Schools.

It gives us much pleasure to announce, that it is the intention of Mr. T. O'Hagan, Principal of the Belleville Separate Schools, to contribute to the CATHOLIC SHIELD, beginning with the Nov. Number, a series of short papers on the Life and Works of Dr. Oliver Goldsmith. The "Deserted Village" by Goldsmith is part of the work in English Literature for next Intermediate Examination,—hence Mr. O'Hagan's proposed papers.

To the Editor of the Post.

Sir:—Would some of the readers of the Post in Montreal please inform me the exact position held by the Protestant minority of Quebec in school matters?

I. Have the Protestants a Protestant Superintendent of Education, or a Deputy Superintendent?

II. Have the Protestant minority Separate Normal and Model Schools for the training of Protestant teachers?

III. Have the Protestants the right to develop their schools into High Schools for the higher education of their children?

IV. Do Catholic Inspectors inspect the Protestant schools and then sneer at the efficiency of the schools and the system which grants them Separate Protestant schools for the exclusive education of Protestant children?

An answer to the above questions will much oblige.

AN ONTARIO CATHOLIC TEACHER.

Answers to the preceding questions:—1—Yes; 2—Yes; 3—Yes; 4—No.

Ed. C. S.

The attendance the present session at the Ottawa Normal School is larger than at any time last year.

The Ottawa Public School Board complains to the Minister of Education, that some of its teachers have been kidnapped by the Normal School authorities for the Model School. When will the Model be out of trouble?

Over three hundred students are now in attendance at the College of Ottawa.

Two new classes for boys have been opened in connection with the Separate Schools of this City. There are now 57 teachers employed, and an average attendance of over two thousand pupils.

"The important rule has been established in the various parishes of this city," says the Cincinnati *Catholic Telegraph*, "by Archbishop Heist, that one year's attendance at a Catholic school shall be an invariable prerequisite for all children receiving First Communion and Confirmation."

Mr. William Harkins, a promising young Irish Catholic of Campbellford, failed in only one subject, at the recent examination held for first class Certificates. Mr Harkins being but eighteen years of age, did extremely well.

Rev. W. Brennan at one time Superintendent of the Hamilton Separate Schools, is now Professor of History and Civil Polity in St. Michael's College, Toronto.

Mr. W. V. Lynch, the popular teacher of Barrie Separate school, was among the successful few who won second class Provincial Certificates, grade A at the late examination. Mr Lynch is both a very successful teacher and a fine literary scholar.

Mr. P. J. O'Rourke, a clever young Irish Catholic of Trenton, takes a deep interest in the educational progress of that town.

Miss Nolan, a gifted and accomplished young lady of Brantford, has been engaged as teacher of vocal music in the Blind Institute of that city.

Loretto Convent, Belleville, commenced work on September the 5th with an excellent attendance.

Mr. William Carroll is the Catholic representative on the Board of Examiners for the County of Wellington.

Mr. S. Brown is the Head-master of London Separate schools. Mr Brown holds a first class Provincial Certificate and is an able mathematician being at one time the mathematical Editor of a Canadian School Journal.

Mr. J. White, the able Principal of Lindsay Separate school, is a member of the Board of Examiners for the County of Victoria.

Prof Denys has charge of the Catholic children in the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Belleville. Few teachers engaged in the commendable task of deaf mute education understand their work better than Prof. Denys.

Mr. J. McEntee, lately Head-master of Prescott Separate school, has gone to Ann Arbor University, Michigan, to study law.

Miss Ballantyne is the Head-teacher of Stratford Separate school. Miss Ballantyne obtained a first class Certificate a year ago, and was the winner of the scholarships that are offered annually by His Grace Archbishop Lynch of Toronto and Rev. Father Stafford of Lindsay.

SEPARATE SCHOOL WANTS.

To the Editor of the CATHOLIC SHIELD.

Although not agreeing with every thing contained in the Separate School article which appeared in the July number of the SHIELD, yet I hold, with it, that the School Law for Ontario, as far as it concerns Catholics is somewhat defective.

Passing over your comments on the Canadian Constitution, which in my opinion are rather exceptional, I find that the stress of the article bears chiefly on three points: 1. High Schools, 2. Catholic Deputy Minister, 3. Catholic Inspection. On these I beg to submit the following brief remarks:

1. High Schools, peculiarly adapted for the education of Catholic Youth, should exist wherever necessary, through out the province. The Act should be so amended that these schools could be established and supported similarly to the High Common Schools already in existence. This is but a necessary consequence of existing legislation. More than one Canadian Ministry has acknowledged the simple justice of legalizing *elementary* Separate Schools. Would it not be in perfect harmony with that acknowledgement to legalize the existence of High Separate Schools also? The reasons that demand a Separate System for elementary education, have plainly equal value in demanding a similar system for higher education.

2. The office of Catholic Deputy Minister of Education would be capable of conferring much benefit. It would give greater confidence and security to Catholics; the details of the Separate School System would be attended to more particularly; while, on the principle of the division of labor, a higher degree of efficiency would be secured to both systems. As you remarked "there is provision made for a Protestant Deputy or Superintendent" in the neighboring province. This is certainly liberal. Will Protestant Ontario continue to be less liberal than Catholic Quebec?

3. I am strongly opposed to the principle of appointing a Catholic to an office merely because he is a Catholic. Still I believe that there are positions which are peculiarly within the sphere of Catholics, but in which Protestants would be nearly if not entirely out of place. The Inspection of Catholic Schools I hold to be one of these. An Inspector who is a believer in Protestant doctrine, or