

Current Events.

—The fullest of sympathy has been expressed towards Rev. Dr. Shaw and Mr. Masten, members of the Council of Public Instruction, in their late heavy bereavements, by those of our teachers whom the writer has lately met. We join with all in extending towards both of these gentlemen—our co-labourers in all progressive school work—that sincere sympathy which makes for us one true Christian brotherhood labouring for the alienation of sorrow rather than the augmenting of it.

—The statistics in connection with the Montreal Protestant Schools, since their opening this year, is interesting reading. The attendance in the various schools controlled or subsidized by the Board for the month of September was as follows:—Aberdeen, 679; Ann street, 406; Berthelet street, 541; Britannia, 109; Dufferin, 571; Girls' High, 428; High School, 578; Hochelaga, 92; Lansdowne, 704; Lorne, 647; Mount Royal, 625; Riverside, 616; Royal Arthur, 430; Senior, 197; Victoria, 612; Baron de Hirsch, 216; McGill Model, 337. This gives a total enrolment of 7,235 in schools directly under the Board's control, and shows an increase of 245 as compared with the corresponding record of last year. Of the total number in attendance 1,475 are being educated free, either on plea of indigence or under the special provisions of the Board; three pay part fee only, twenty-nine are Government scholars, and ninety-eight are Commissioners' scholars. There are 483 Jews (apart from the Baron de Hirsch school), and 146 Roman Catholics in attendance.

—Our academies are beginning to issue very neat calendars every year. Among those we have received are the calendars of Lachute Academy, Compton Ladies' College, Berthier Grammar School, Dunham Ladies' College, St. Johns High School, and Stanstead College. The calendar of Lachute Academy is a very neat issue—a great improvement on its predecessors. We have also received the prospectus of the Montreal High School, from which the principals of our country academies may possibly cull a few hints when they come to prepare their next year's issue. The Stanstead prospectus is also a very neat specimen of what a school calendar should be.

—Principal Grant visited the Kingston Central School lately to enquire into the system of religious instruction now being carried out. This is only the beginning of his visits, as he intends calling at all the public schools and getting a clear knowledge of the work being accomplished, as he intends using