

These too aim at special work, and much good arising out of them is expected to result.

PROGRESS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Unprecedented interest on this side of the Atlantic as well, has been taken in every sphere of educational work.

Private benefactions aggregating many millions of dollars have in the past few years been devoted to schools and colleges. New and special work is being undertaken in new institutions, and the older institutions are remodelling their curricula, expanding their work and widening their energies.

President Roosevelt only a few weeks ago on the occasion of his opening the Philadelphia High School, which does the work of a University, was attended by every member of his cabinet save one, and by not a few of the most prominent men in the United States besides, thus showing the increasing and unprecedented interest which is being taken in the work of the schools.

The plain and all important truth that what nations now need most is capable citizens, and that it is the high work of our schools to train them, is at last taking deep root. The teacher's true position, I am glad to say, is now everywhere being acknowledged and appreciated.

In every land those who are shaping public opinion have nowadays much to say on subjects such as these:—

Education and Empire,
Education and Commerce,
Education and Citizenship.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS IN ONTARIO.

In our own Province, I am proud to state, we are fully alive to the importance of the great work in which you are specially engaged. Is it not a significant fact that almost every one of our most important educational