

On this subject of alienation of intellectual sympathy Prof. Sylvester has perhaps not done full justice to his country. If educational opportunities were, and if the accumulations of German science were as accessible as those of England, there would still be a clear advantage in acquiring another language in the country where it is spoken, and in coming in contact with a different order of mind, however little superior. The disparity of attendance ought not to be so enormous hereafter, certainly; but we believe Germany will always, from natural causes, prove more attractive than England—*The Nation*.

I am willing that the women shall be in a decided majority, and do not think the schools would suffer in consequence; but I do say the masculine and feminine should be represented in their full power. Now, it is well known that often in a group of schools containing from one to three thousand children, you will find only one man employed, and he the Superintendent, who does little or no teaching. Even in Cleveland, with an average monthly enrollment of 16,079 pupils, and 351 the roll, only 27 are males, including Superintendents and special teachers. Now, if there be any force in the position that the peculiar qualities of both men and women should be blended in education, must it not be confessed that the substitution of women for men in the public schools has gone too far? Sentiment to the contrary, I must avow this as my opinion.—*Pres. Hinsdale*.

In matters of unimportance, local opinion is right, but in matters of vital interest to the public welfare it is wrong. If the state permitted men to kill each other, it would be right to allow them to choose the manner in which it should be done. But since killing is not permitted, it evidently would be wrong to permit them to choose any method of taking life. Education is of vital interest. Without it we shall perish. It is evidently wrong to

permit people to choose whether we shall educate or not. If a house is on fire there is nothing left but to save life and put it out. The requirement is imperative. The country demands education as a necessity. It is to save us from death, and if any persons declare they will not be educated, or permit their children to be educated, they are to be judged enemies of the state, and treated as such.—*National Teachers' Monthly*.

Gov. Robinson, of New York, has recently vetoed a bill permitting women to hold any of the offices within the department of education. The fact, however, that both branches of the legislature of that state had passed such a bill shows that the woman suffrage movement is rapidly gaining ground.

#### PUBLICATIONS.

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