

## Question Drawer.

## QUESTIONS.

(a) How is the name "Scrooge" phonetically spelled?  
 (b) Is "Christophe Colomb" ready for use? If not, when will it be ready? B. J.

1. What length of time should a pupil of average ability remain in (a) the Second Reader, (b) the Third Reader, assuming that the teaching is carefully done?

2. Can you give me a good, tested time table for an ungraded school? F.

Are the certificates of Ontario teachers recognized in British Columbia, and to whom should one write for information regarding them? C. S.

Will some reader of the *SCHOOL JOURNAL* oblige by explaining the following solution? I find that the operation satisfies any assumed values of  $x$  and  $y$ , and therefore believe it to be justifiable:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - y^2 &= 48, & x^2 - 64 &= y^2 - 16, & (x+8)(x-8) &= (y+4)(y-4) \\ (x+8)(y-4) &= (y+4)(x-8) & + y - 8x + 4x & & 32 = x^2 + 8y - 4x \\ & & - 32 & & 8x = 16y + x = 2y. \end{aligned}$$

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B. J.—(a) Probably "Scrooj."

(b) It is ready.

F.—We should be glad to publish replies to F's questions from successful teachers.

C. S.—Write to Mr. Pope, Superintendent of Education for British Columbia.

A correspondent sends us a formidable list of questions in regard to allusions and other difficulties in the Literature prescribed for Third Class Teachers. To answer at length would require more space than we can give, but Messrs. W. J. Gage & Co. have just issued a little volume of Notes on the Literature Lessons in which information can be found on these and many other points. The price is, we think, thirty cents.

We have unfortunately mislaid the questions of a correspondent received some weeks since. One question related to the High School Commercial Course. The answer is to be found in Regulation 100, as follows:

"Candidates for a diploma in the Commercial Course will be examined at the same time and place, and on the same papers as candidates for second class non-professional certificates."

The other question we cannot recall. If the writer will repeat them, we will try to give answers.

## Educational Notes and News.

The Simcoe Model School has 26 students, Windsor, 19, Chatham, 13, and Ingersoll, 18.

The East Elgin Teachers' Association is to hold its next session in St. Thomas, on the 19th and 20th of November.

The Ontario Art School will be removed in a few days from the Toronto Normal School building to more commodious rooms in the Canadian Institute building.

750 students have been admitted to the Memorial Hall Drawing Association at Harvard, entirely filling the hall; and more than a hundred others await a vacancy.

The Pembroke Public School has been closed, owing to the prevalence of diphtheria. The *Standard* claims that in one-half the cases the infection is communicated by kissing.

Mr. J. G. Carruthers, principal of DeCewsville Public School, has been appointed headmaster of the Cayuga Public School, in the place of J. A. Murphy, recently appointed junior for Halldmand County.

The Whitby School Board are disposed to call in the aid of the Chief of Police to enforce the compulsory clauses of the School Act in the cases of some children who are perpetual delinquents of the space on the public streets.

Mr. S. K. Davidson has resigned the position of teacher in the London School of Art, and his duties will be divided between the other teachers, Messrs. Chapman, Peel, and Griffiths. The school has been re-opened, and over 60 pupils have taken the course.

A New Jersey schoolmaster has ridden through Russia this summer on a tricycle without once being arrested as a revolutionist. This shows wonderful tolerance in the disposition of the Czar, for no greater fog to despotism can be imagined than a schoolmaster on wheels. *Tribune Journal*.

The V. C. T. U. of London, Ont., are proposing to provide a night school for boys and girls who have given out to work when young, and are unable to read, write or cipher, the condition of entrance to the school being that applicants take the total abstinence pledge. An excellent proposal.

Dr. Lyman Abbott recommends young people

1. To read something each day.
2. To read what is worth reading.
3. To read regularly and systematically.

He proposes the making of a new book on "What to read, when to read, how to read."

The Board of Regents of Victoria College have decided upon the erection of a building to cost \$150,000 or \$200,000, in connection with the University scheme. The building, it is expected, will be situated in the Queen's Park, on the east side of the road running north and south. It is the intention of the Board to proceed with the work as rapidly as possible.

The Port Dover High School Board has been notified by the Educational Department that the half-yearly grant to the High School this year is \$210, in place of \$250. This will reduce the grant from the County to a similar sum. At a meeting of the Board, the secretary was requested to communicate with the Department concerning the cause of the decreased grant.

At a meeting of the London Board of Education the other evening, the cost per pupil, without counting the interest of the building and land, was made out to be about \$22 per year, and it was finally decided that \$9 per quarter for the first and second quarters, \$2 for the third quarter (in which the holidays occur), and \$9 for the last term, be charged all outsiders not ratepayers in the city.

The new High School at Aylmer was formally opened by the Minister of Education on the 18th Oct. After visiting the library, laboratory, and gymnasium, the Minister said that no municipality of the size in the Province, to his knowledge, possessed such fine High School buildings as Aylmer, and he would refer boards of trustees intending to build to the Aylmer school as a worthy model.

The Division Lists of the Oxford Local Examinations have been issued. 610 senior candidates have passed (of whom 37 are placed in the first division; out of a total number of 909 candidates; while of 1,532 juniors, 1,031 have proved successful. Four girls have obtained first classes amongst the seniors and ten seconds, as compared with one and twelve last year. The examinations were held in fifty-six centres. — *Educational Times*.

The Chicago Board of Education appreciate the value of good school work, and are willing to pay a decent sum for the same. At a recent meeting they raised the salaries of teachers, giving the superintendent \$4,200; two assistants, each \$3,500; special superintendent of German, \$2,600; special teachers in music and drawing, \$1,900; three principals of High Schools, each \$2,400; nine assistants at \$2,090; two at \$1,800, and four at \$1,600.

Mr. Bigg, principal of the Parkhill High School, was fined \$2 and costs on a charge of assaulting a Public School pupil named Howley. It appears Mr. Bigg was attempting to take the boy to the master of the Public School to be punished for some offence committed during recess, and the lad refusing, Mr. Bigg gave him a few sharp blows with a cane. It would never do to allow one master to transfer his disciplinary powers, or another to use them.

Mrs. L. USA P. R. SONS H. P. H. S. lives at New Bedford, where she teaches in an eminently successful school. She was born in Newburyport, Mass., on April 29, 1834. Her first literary work was done in 1877, when she wrote a most remarkable educational article on school-room work, entitled "A Year's Experiment." It was published in the *Primary Teacher* of this city, and called forth a lively discussion on the part of Col. T. W. Higginson and others. Since then she has done much newspaper work. Her poems have had a wide circulation, and done much to establish her reputation. Her poem "Motherhood," published by Lee & Shepard, has probably had the largest sale of any work she has done. Mrs. Hopkins is a close thinker in matters of instruction and education, and writes out of her actual experience with equal delicacy and skill. At the same time she is a close student, and not a mere amateur. — *The Beacon* (Boston).