

Johnson's Life of Addison.

Macaulay's Life of Johnson.

The subjects prescribed for the examination in 1882 are—

Richard II.—*Shakespeare*.

The Deserted Village—*Goldsmith*.

The Task, Bk. III.—*Cowper*.

The Spectator—Papers 106, 108, 112, 115, 117, 121, 122, 123, 125, 126, 131, 269, 329, 335, 517—*Addison*.

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No particular editions of these texts are prescribed, but the following good ones are mentioned in order to aid candidates :

The edition of Julius Cæsar in the Clarendon Press series.

Morley's Spectator.

Matthew Arnold's Johnson's Chief Lives of the Poets. This contains both Johnson's Life of Addison and Macaulay's Life of Johnson.

The edition of Richard the Second in the Clarendon Press series, or Hudson's Richard the Second.

Griffith's or Storr's Cowper's Task.

Sankey's, Rolfe's, or Stevens' and Morris's Deserted Village.

FIRST A AND B.

The following are prescribed for 1881 and 1882 :

CHAUCER.—The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales.

The Nonne Prestes Tale.

SHAKESPEARE.—Coriolanus for 1881.

The Merchant of Venice for 1882.

MILTON.—Areopagitica.

POPE.—The Essay on Man.

JOHNSON.—The Lives of Milton and Pope.

MATTHEW ARNOLD.—The Preface to Johnson's Chief Lives of the Poets.

N.B.—Candidates who take other departments will be required to show, by passing an examination in Coriolanus for 1881, and the Merchant of Venice for 1882, that they have read the play carefully, and that they are in the habit of writing the English language correctly.

No particular editions of these texts are prescribed, but the following good ones are mentioned in order to assist candidates :

Morris's edition of Chaucer's Prologue to the Canterbury Tales and the Nonne Prestes Tale in the Clarendon Press series.

Arber's edition of the Areopagitica was mentioned for 1881. Hale's edition for 1882.

The edition of Coriolanus and the Merchant of Venice in the Clarendon Press series.

The edition of the Essay on Man in the Clarendon Press series.

Matthew Arnold's Johnson's Chief Lives of the Poets.

SUPERANNUATION.—The secretaries of the various Teachers' Associations have received from the Legislative Committee of the Ontario Teachers' Association a circular, informing them of the result of several interviews with the Minister of Education on the subject of Superannuation. The Minister has expressed his willingness to consider and submit for the sanction of the Legislature, at its next session, such amendments as would fairly represent the views of the great body of the teachers on this subject. The Legislative Committee has therefore submitted to each association thirteen points of consideration, requesting to know their decision before July.

This is the right way to obtain the views of those interested. The Minister of Education, on this as on similar occasions formerly, has shown the most courteous willingness to entertain the suggestions of those competent to offer them.

—Mr. Jeffers, who for some years occupied the position of Principal of the Peterborough Collegiate Institute, has resigned ;

and at a meeting of the Board of Education the following resolution was put and carried unanimously :

"That the Board of the United High and Public Schools of the town of Peterborough deeply regret that Mr. Jeffers has declined to accept the salary which the Board has appropriated for the Principal's salary, and has in consequence resigned the Principalship of the Collegiate Institute.

"This Board desires to put on its minutes an expression of their high estimation of the ability of Mr. Jeffers. Under his administration the standard of our schools has steadily advanced, until they have attained a first place amongst the Educational Institutions of the Province. Mr. Jeffers possesses high organizing and administrative ability, and is ever courteous and genial with his staff and with the pupils, so that he is highly beloved and esteemed by all.

"The refusal of Mr. Jeffers to accept a salary which was increased with a view of retaining him, was the sole reason for his leaving the service of the Board.

"The Board, while deeply regretting to lose Mr. Jeffers, desire to express their good will towards him, and hope that his life, a portion of which has been so happily and profitably spent with us, may continue ever bright and happy to the end."

—At the meeting of the Senate of the University of Toronto on March 14th, the following statute was passed on motion of Dr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Crickmore :

"That in the Faculty of Arts, the examinations, together with the medals and prizes, the certificates of honor, scholarships and degrees are open to women on the same conditions as to men, excepting that it is not imperative on them to attend lectures in any affiliated College ; and any woman gaining a scholarship shall sign an engagement that the money will be expended by her in the further prosecution of the studies prescribed as necessary for the degree in Arts."

We congratulate the University on this step in educational advance, which we have no doubt will gratify all who wish for women, as for men, free access to the sexless flowers of the tree of knowledge.

—The atrocious regicide of the Russian Nihilists is a result not only of the oppression of a corrupt bureaucracy, but of that ignorance among the masses of the people which has been a factor in all Socialist uprisings of the proletariat, from the days of the Jacquerie downwards. Well does Victor Hugo put it in one of his poems describing a scene during the reign of the Commune. A Communist is expostulated with for being about to burn the great public library. "What do I care for libraries? —they never taught me to read!"

—The cause of failure in the old system of education lay not in its hard and arbitrary methods, nor even in its abuse, so contrary to modern ideas, of corporal punishment, so much as in this that, it in no way sought to make the pupil interested in his own education. In the methods of good teachers it is a leading feature that *curiosity* is stimulated ; and the freshness and pleasure of a process as attractive as any play prevents the school from being like that to which Shakespeare's school-boy "crept unwillingly."

—Of the London School Board, the *Teacher* (London) says that there are nine women out of fifty members. The election