

that are wrecked there. It is in the track of vessels trading between America and Britain. The island is formed of sand-hills thrown up by the sea. Some of these reach a height of eighty feet. The sand produces wild grasses on which herds of wild horses feed. Some idea of the rate of sinking may be obtained from the following figures: In 1776 the island was thirty-one miles in length and over two miles in breadth. In 1816 it was thirty miles long and less than two miles in breadth. In 1886 it was twenty-five miles long and one and a quarter broad. At the present time it is reported to be twenty-two miles in length and one mile in breadth, and sinking more rapidly than before.

—FOR the two thousand blind persons in Greater New York, a free circulating library of books in raised letters has been opened. The founder of this library, Richard Ferry, lost his sight three years ago, and one of his keenest sorrows was that he could not read his favorite authors. Using his own privation as a guide, he decided that the lot of the blind in his city should be made happier, and this beautiful philanthropy is the result of his efforts.—*The Household*.

—SIR Walter Besant was one of the pioneers of the movement for the opening of the East End London schools for poor children, as clubs for working people. It was felt that the brick and mortar in these buildings was not being put to the greatest possible use. The day school-rooms were arranged in the evening for lectures and concerts, for games as chess, checkers, dominoes, etc., for reading rooms where those who desired a quiet time might retire, and for the supplying of tea and coffee. The object of this departure in social reform was to get the boys off from the streets at night, to keep the men from the taverns, and to get the women away from their miserable tenement-houses, so that a little of heaven's light falling upon them might quicken their vision with regard to all life, and enable them to form better ideals for their own homes.

—CURRENT COMMENTS ON EDUCATION.—“No child should leave school without understanding the principles of government, so that when he grows up he may be able to give an intelligent vote as a citizen. Good secondary education is the best preparation for the technical school,