

inations, and teachers are really, though not nominally, paid by the results. Students are not taught to study because of the pleasure it will bring, but because it is necessary to pass one or other of the numerous departmental examinations. They are forced by the superior will of their teachers to study intensely and earnestly until, in many cases, they break down under the strain, or acquire a dislike for books which dwarfs their after-life. Those who are strong enough to bear the strain are forced along into the teaching profession or into the university, and thence into some one of the professions. Farmers' sons, being more rugged, thus become the lawyers, doctors, professors and teachers of the day; agriculture is neglected, and the basis of the prosperity of the Province is injured. Besides being pernicious in this tendency, the useless examinations of this system cost the Province \$100,000 a year in hard cash." These recriminations are well enough, if they serve no other purpose than to awaken the people to the enormous interest they have in making their educational system the best; but they have little that is practical about them. It is easy enough to pull down, but rather more difficult to build again. In the matter of examinations, we are of the opinion that they are a necessity to any efficient system of education and will continue to be until some great intellect devises a substitute that will have all the virtues and none of the vices of school examinations.

— SOME of our readers are no doubt thinking over the idea of attending the great Convention of the National Educational Association to be held this year at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from the 6th to the 10th of July. The various committees of the local organization are actively preparing in the most generous manner for the entertainment of 20,000 members. The Committee on Hotels and Accommodation have found the very best families in the city ready to open their doors to the teachers and their friends. An excellent system has been established for locating guests in good homes at moderate prices. Application for accommodation should be made to the Secretary, Wm. George Bruce, Milwaukee, Wis. Special rates have been arranged for with the various railway companies. The programme, which is an excellent one, may be had by sending a post-card to the secretary of the local committee, who will gladly supply all necessary information.