

years of teaching who is willing to teach year after year for the same salary should be promptly dismissed. Wake up school trustees, and see that you hire the very best teachers available. Change your system right about. Instead of advertising for a teacher, advertise your school. This is the way your advertisement should read:

School in S.S. No.—vacant for 1902, average attendance for last nine months 45, salary \$450. Apply personally before Nov. 1 to A. B., C. D. and E. F., Trustees.—P.O.

Another way is to enquire about teachers in the district. If you want a change and you hear of one who is a decided success offer him

or her \$25 to \$5000 an increase in salary and secure such an one's services. The cheap teacher should be tabooed everywhere and trustees who employ cheap teachers should never be re-elected. They are a positive curse to any community. The years of a child's life are too sacred and valuable to be wasted by incompetents. We were astonished recently to find one of the brightest boys we know of, over eight years of age, still in the First Book although he has gone to school pretty regularly for over two years and knew his letters when he started. His teacher is one of the school keepers, no doubt.—*The Canadian Statesman*, Bowmanville.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

To accommodate readers who may wish it, the publishers of *THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY* will send, postpaid, on receipt of the price, any Book reviewed in these columns.

The October Atlantic Monthly delayed its publication for some days so that the first article might be a notice of the death of President McKinley. Among the other articles of distinction may be mentioned "The Author of Obemann" by Jessie Peabody Frothingham; and "The Ills of Pennsylvania," in which appears an outspoken discussion of the evils of political immorality.

"Thomas Carlyle," is the title of an article which can with truth be termed critical in the October Scribner's. It is written by Mr. W. C. Brownell, a collection of whose critical writings is shortly to appear. The same number contains three unusually good short stories.

"Titled Authors of the Eighteenth Century," by Austin Dob-

son, appears in the October Lippincott's Magazine; the subject is one particularly congenial to the writer. The name of the complete novel in the same number is "The Anvil," it is written by R. V. Risley.

The October Century contains a short poem by Mr. Arthur Stringer, entitled "On a Child's Portrait"; "The Abandoned Farm Found," a most entertaining article by Mr. W. H. Bishop; and three short stories by Southern writers, Virginia Frazer Boyle, Joel Chandler Harris, and Thomas Nelson Page.

The Cosmopolitan for October contains an amusing and instructive account of Mr. Hall Caine's "Christian," by Bret Harte.

The most interesting contribution to the October Book Buyer