

I saw them. The fallen rocks, some big as houses, have been blasted flat ; soil has been carried from afar and spread over the ruin. A channel, forty feet deep or more, has been cut through it for the river, so that the structure of the rock-blanket can still be seen. The roots of young trees now grasp stones that took part in that appalling flight from their old bed of

thousands of years to the place of their present repose. The valley has its harvests again, and the villagers go about their work as their forefathers did, but they remember the day of their visitation, and to the stranger coming amongst them they tell the tragic tale with tears in their eyes and horror upon their faces.—*W. Martin Conway in the Contemporary Review.*

EDITORIAL NOTES.

EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Educational Association for Ontario is at Easter. We see that the *Queen's College Journal* in commenting favourably upon the Annual Conference of the ministers who are graduates of Queen's, takes occasion to suggest that all Queen's men who are teachers should also hold a Conference and at Eastertide. We hope the Queen's men will be found in force at the annual meeting of the above association and if necessary to hold a meeting of themselves, that they will choose some other time. All teachers, and their name is legion, should work together in our Provincial Association and make it what it should be, most influential in educational affairs. "We be brethren," let it so appear in truth.

FRUITFUL DETAILS

Careful attention to little things in the school life is not only required by a sensitive conscience and a high ideal of personal attainment, but it has a positive commercial value. This is illustrated every day by countless incidents in business life, the moral of which has its significant relation to the duty of teacher as well as pupil.

For instance, we were recently interested in the fate of a number of candidates who were recommended for an important position in connection with a large business house having a capital of several millions. The winning of that position meant an attractive and remunerative life-work, in all probability, for the successful candidate. We happened to call on the member of that firm having the matter in charge just as he returned from a conference with the other members, at which a decision had been reached and a choice made between the applicants. He laid several letters before us and said that the contest was very close between the writers of two of them, and that the decision had finally turned in favor of one because of the neat handwriting, careful wording, and business-like heading and addressing of his letter. Probably the candidate himself never will know about this, much less his teachers who required of him carefulness in the details as well as in the main objects of his school work. All the same it counted materially in his favor, and the slovenly methods of the other candidate were a handicap on his success. Elaboration of the point is not needful. A word to the wise is sufficient.—*Education.*