

mence on the 3rd Tuesday in the month. 3. That the Superintendent be hereby empowered to endorse for interim certificates, the teachers' certificates dating back not more than two years, of candidates coming from other Provinces of the Dominion; that candidates who have failed to obtain a certificate at any general examination are not eligible for interim certificates; and that, in the opinion of the Board, it is not expedient to encourage candidates who have never taught to apply for such certificates, although, if there be an absolute want of teachers, the Executive Committee may exercise the powers delegated to them, in a resolution of the Board adopted at a meeting held on the 7th day of December, 1876. This examination will not interfere with the one to be held during the month of August, of which teachers in various parts of the Dominion have received notice.

Rev. Canon O'Meara, of St. John's College, has been appointed a member of the Board of Education, to take the place of Captain Kennedy, who has resigned.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to form the Board of Examiners for the current year: The Revs. Professors Bryce and Hart, Canon O'Meara, J. F. German, E. Morrow, J. Robertson, S. Pritchard, S. P. Matheson, — Campbell and the Superintendent, and Messrs. R. Bourne, S. C. Biggs, J. H. Bell, W. Black, A. M. Sutherland, W. Hespoler, J. Friesen and A. Isaac.

Readings and Recitations.

THE BABY'S KISS.

[AN INCIDENT OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.]

Rough and ready the troopers ride,
Pistol in holster and sword by side;
They have ridden long, they have ridden hard,
They are travel-stained and battle-scarred:
The hard ground shakes with their martial tramp,
And coarse is the laugh of the men of the camp.

They reach a spot where a mother stands,
With a baby, shaking its little hands,
Laughing aloud at the gallant sight
Of the mounted soldiers fresh from the fight.
The captain laughs out—"I will give you this,
A bright piece of gold, your baby to kiss."

"My darling's kisses cannot be sold,
But gladly he'll kiss a soldier bold."
He lifts up the babe with a manly grace,
And covers with kisses its smiling face,
Its rosy cheeks, and its dimpled charms,
And it crows with delight in the soldier's arms.

"Not all for the captain," the troopers call;
"The baby, we know, has a kiss for all."
To each soldier's breast the baby is pressed
By the strong rough men, and kissed and caressed,
And louder it laughs, and the lady's face
Wears a mother's smile at the fond embrace.

"Just such a kiss," cries one warrior grim,
"When I left my boy, I gave to him."
"And just such a kiss, on the parting day,
I gave to my girl, as asleep she lay."
Such were the words of these soldiers brave,
And their eyes were moist when the kiss they gave.
G. R. Emerson.

SUNSHINE AND SHOWER.

Two children stood at their father's gate,—
Two girls with golden hair;
And their eyes were bright, and their voices glad,
Because the morn was fair.
For they said, "We will take that long, long walk
To the hawthorn copse to-day;
And gather great bunches of lovely flowers
From off the scented May;
And oh! we shall be so happy there,
'Twill be sorrow to come away."

As the children spoke, a little cloud
Passed slowly across the sky;

And one looked up in her sister's face
With a tear drop in her eye.
But the other said, "Oh! heed it not;
'Tis far too fair to rain;
That little cloud may search the sky
For other clouds in vain."
And soon the children's voices rose
In merriment again.

But ere the morning hours had waned
The sky had changed its hue,
And that one cloud had chased away
The whole great heaven of blue.
The rain fell down in heavy drops,
The wind began to blow,
And the children, in their nice warm room,
Went fretting to and fro;
For they said, "When we have aught in store,
It always happens so!"

Now these two fair-haired sisters
Had a brother out at sea;
A little midshipman, aboard
The gallant "Victory;"
And on that self-same morning
When they stood beside the gate,
His ship was wrecked! and on a raft
He stood all desolate,
With the other sailors round him,
Prepared to meet their fate.

Beyond, they saw the cool green land,—
The land with its waving trees,
And the little brooks that rise and fall
Like butterflies to the breeze:
And above them the burning noontide sun
With scorching stillness shone;
Their throats were parched with bitter thirst,
And they knelt down one by one,
Praying to God for a drop of rain
And a gale to waft them on.

Just then that little cloud was sent,—
That shower in mercy given!
And as a bird before the breeze,
Their bark was landward driven.
Now some few mornings after,
When the children met once more,
And their brother told the story,
They knew it was the hour
When they had wished for sunshine,
And God had sent the shower!

Science Notes.

—A note was read at a recent meeting of the Paris Academy of Sciences, from Mr. J. Norman Lockyer, in which the author says that he believes he has succeeded in proving that many of the "elements" are in reality compound bodies.

—*The English Mechanic* says:—We have had an opportunity of inspecting the apparatus for drilling square holes by rotary motion. It was patented by Mr. Julius Hall, of Chancery-lane, and it has been on view at the Paris Exhibition, where it attracted much attention from mechanics, engineers, and others. The idea of "drilling" a square hole is of course beyond the conception of the average mechanic; but it is done, and done very accurately, by the apparatus patented by Mr. Hall.

—"A HALF ounce letter taken to the sun," says Proctor, "would weigh four and a half tons, if the attraction of gravitation remained the same as on the earth in proportion to the mass."

CEMENT FOR LEATHER.—Of many substances lately brought very conspicuously to notice for fastening pieces of leather together, and in mending harness, joining machinery belting, and making shoes, one of the best is made by mixing ten parts of sulphide of carbon with one of oil of turpentine, and then add enough gutta-percha to make a thickly flowing liquid. One essential prerequisite to a thorough union of the parts consists in freedom of the surfaces to be joined from grease. This may be accomplished by laying a cloth upon them and applying a hot iron for a time. The