

edition will no doubt be removed in the next. We note, for instance, that *witangemot* occurs twice in p. 7 for *witangemot* (*witena* being the only possible form for the genitive plural—the *gemot* “of the wise men,”) and as pointed out in a recent issue, “sixteenth century,” should read “seventeenth century” in p. 197. F. H. S.

Shelley's Defense of Poetry. Edited, with introduction and notes, by A. S. Cook. Pp. 86. Boston, Ginn & Co.

We had occasion to notice the reprint of Sidney's *Defense*. The continuation of the series of English æsthetics is the present reprint of the admirable though brief essay of the poet Shelley. It is unnecessary at this time to praise the essay itself—its splendid style, its keen analysis, its wealth of pregnant thought expressed in perfect language, sayings that have become proverbs, all of which unite to make the essay of the most important contribution for its length ever made to the criticism of literary art. Professor Cook's introduction discusses Shelley's prose—not poetic prose, yet with some of the words and qualities of poetry—compares him with Sidney, finding they agree in the main, both holding to the supreme ethical import of poetry, to the “faculty divine,” to the delightfulness of poetry combined with didactic efficacy and elevation as the test of poetry, but differing in their point of view. Sidney is more cautious and sober—more a Roman, Shelley is lofty, lyrical—more a Greek. Finally the introduction criticises adversely Shelley's remarks about the impotence of the will in the production of poetry. The volume closes with a short treatise, *The Four Ages of Poetry*, by Thomas Peacock, a friend of Shelley, but with views different enough to make the poet write his own treatise, “designed as an antidote” to his friends. The volume is fully provided with ample and scholarly notes, and is bound in cloth gilt. F. H. S.

First Latin Book. By John Henderson, Principal of the Coll. Inst., St. Catharines, and John Fletcher, Prof. of Latin, University of Queen's College. Copp, Clark & Co., Toronto.

This new introductory Latin book is superior to any book heretofore in use in our schools. While the accident might perhaps be reduced with benedictory to Cæsar, the work has, nevertheless, been fit, and the sentences made more distinctly preparatory in a very painstaking and practical manner. In a second edition some slips, such as *Maturimus*, p. 57, and *andace* (i), etc., on p. 52., should be corrected.

The exercises in Latin composition are exceedingly good, and no book has heretofore covered this portion of the University requirements for Matriculation.

In other respects the book is similar to the old but excellent “Principia,” and differs from it only in greater fulness and completeness. Those teachers who have pinned their faith to that thoroughly good work will welcome this as a very great improvement.

The Step by Step Primer. By Eliza B. Burnz. New York: Burnz & Co., 24 Clinton Place.

This very attractive little reader forms a connecting link between the script work of the blackboard and the printed lesson of the book, being published throughout in the Burnz pronouncing print in which the different letters are marked to denote the forty or more separate sounds existing in our language. In addition to this help, silent letters are put in a hair-line type and occasionally a very irregular word is put in purely phonetic spelling. If all literature were published in this form the work would be an excellent one. As it is, the primer is valuable for the able and comprehensive treatment of phonics and also as being a quick route to thought getting.

The Children's First Reader. By Ellen M. Cyr. Boston, U. S. A.: Ginn & Company, Publishers, 1892.

This is a charming little book. Paper, print, and illustrations are first-class, and the binding is neat and attractive. What is much more important, he easy sentences which make up almost its entire

contents are framed and graded with excellent taste and judgment, and admirably adapted to interest the young reader and lure him on, step by step, until by the time he reaches the end he will have learned to read, having been scarcely conscious of any effort which was not also a pleasure. What a pity that our cast-iron Canadian text-book system takes away all inducement from our publishers to produce books similarly attractive.

THE *Expository Times* for December is to hand with its customary freight of good things for the Bible student. Its “Notes of Recent Exposition” are always fresh and hopeful, and seem unusually full in this number. Among the subjects discussed more at length by able and learned writers are: “Is the Revised Version a Failure?” “The Gifts of the Evil One,” “Our Debt to German Theology,” “The Panoply of God,” etc. “Requests and Replies,” “Contributions and Comments,” “Exposition of the International Lessons,” and other usual departments fill up the number of this excellent periodical. To be had of The Presbyterian News Co., Toronto.

For Friday Afternoon.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT.

BY LIZZIE WILLS.

YES! Christmas is coming, that wonderful time
When bells from each steeple ring out a glad
chime;

When angels in heaven, and men upon earth,
Unite to sing praises for Jesus Christ's birth.
There's peace upon earth and good-will among
men,

At Christmas old friendships are made up again.
At Christmas we give gifts to those whom we love,
God gave us on Christmas His Son from above.
His unspeakable gift—a Saviour—a King
Whose praises the angels unceasingly sing.
Then give Him, this Christmas, some gift in re-
turn;

“A cup of cold water” the Lord will not spurn.
If given to one for the sake of the Lord,
It is given to Himself, He says in His Word.
But best of all gifts you can give to your King,
Though silver and gold and rare jewels you could
bring,

Is the gift He has asked for; He asks not your
pelf,
He asks for your heart's love, He asks for yoursel

✻ Correspondence. ✻

To the Editor of THE EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—The success of the Ontario Educational Association meeting during next Easter holidays will be so largely conditioned by the attendance and assistance of teachers of rural schools, that I hope you will kindly allow me sufficient of your valuable space to call the attention of your readers to the following:—Chap. IV., sec. 73, clause 7, of the recent Departmental Regulations says:

“Any teacher who has been elected a delegate, by the Association of his county or inspectorial division, to the Provincial Teachers' Association, shall be at liberty to attend the meeting of such Association for any time not exceeding one week each year, providing always he shall report to the trustees such attendance, certified by the secretary of said Provincial Association.”

Many familiar faces were missing at the last Convention owing to this clause, which renders it impossible for rural teachers to attend unless they have been appointed delegates by their Conventions. The difficulty can be overcome by appointing delegates at the regular Association meetings, or by empowering the secretary of the County Association to appoint as delegates all who signify their desire to attend the Provincial Convention. As the general meetings of the Association are to be held hereafter only in the evenings, it is necessary to prepare much longer programmes for Departments than formerly. Any who would be willing to read papers or who desire to suggest the names of others, would confer a favor by communicating with the Sec-

retary, R. W. Doan, Esq., 216 Carlton Street, Toronto, or with the Secretaries of the respective Departments. It is desirable that such communications be sent prior to Jan. 1st, 1893.

Very truly yours,
S. B. SINCLAIR,
Pres. O. E. A.

HAMILTON, Dec. 1, 1892.

Educational Notes.

APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINERS FOR 1893.

At a meeting of the Joint Board, held at the Education Department on 10th inst., the following examiners were appointed to prepare the various papers required for the High School Leaving and University Matriculation Examinations for 1893:—

English:—Professor J. Alexander, Ph.D.; J. E. Bryant, M.A.; F. H. Sykes, M.A.

Classics:—Professor A. J. Bell, Ph.D.; Professor J. Fletcher, M.A.; W. S. Milner, B.A.

Mathematics:—Professor A. R. Bain, M.A., L.L.D.; A. T. DeLury, B.A.; Professor A. C. McKay, B.A.

Moderns:—Professor J. Petch, M.A.; Professor J. Squire, B.A.; A. H. Young, B.A.

Science:—C. A. Chant, B.A.; E. C. Jeffrey, B.A. Professor A. P. Knight, M.A., M.D.

FOLLOWING is a list of the members of the new Dominion Parliament:—

Sir John Thompson, Premier and Minister of Justice; Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Trade and Commerce; Hon. G. E. Foster, Minister of Finance; Sir A. P. Caron, Postmaster-General; Hon. John Costigan, Secretary of State; Hon. C. H. Tupper, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Hon. John Haggart, Minister of Railways and Canals; Hon. J. A. Ouimet, Minister of Public Works; Hon. J. C. Patterson, Minister of Militia; Hon. T. M. Daly, Minister of the Interior; Hon. A. R. Angers, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. W. B. Ives, President of the Privy Council; Hon. John Carling and Hon. Frank Smith, Ministers without portfolios; Hon. J. J. Curran, Solicitor-General; Hon. N. Clarke Wallace, Controller of Customs; Hon. J. F. Wood, Controller of Inland Revenue.

ST. NICHOLAS FOR YOUNG FOLKS.

JOHN G. WHITTIER long ago wrote of *St. Nicholas*, “It is little to say of this magazine that it is the best children's periodical in the world.” Edward Eggleston, the author of “The Hoosier Schoolmaster,” says of it, “There is not one of the numbers that does not stir the curiosity, inform the memory, stimulate thought, and enlarge the range of the imagination.” Founded in 1873, and from the first number edited by Mary Mapes Dodge, *St. Nicholas* is now entering upon its twentieth year. The most famous writers have contributed to its pages in the past, but never has its editor been able to offer a better programme or a more distinguished list of contributors than for 1893.

There is to be a series of illustrated papers on “The Leading Cities of the United States,”—the story of each city told by a prominent resident. Edmund Clarence Stedman will write of New York; Thomas W. Higginson, of Boston; New Orleans will be described by George W. Cable, and Baltimore by President Gilman, of the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Lyman Abbott will tell the story of Brooklyn, and other cities will be treated by other famous men. There will be articles on the World's Fair, and a number of pages of funny pictures and humorous verses.

Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggin, the well-known author of “The Birds' Christmas Carol,” etc., will contribute the leading serial for *St. Nicholas* during the coming year. The November number opens with a three-page poem by John G. Whittier, which has in it some of the most beautiful lines the good Quaker poet has ever written, describing the visit of a party of young girls to his home.

The *School Journal* says, “Place *St. Nicholas* in your household, and you need have no fears for the lessons taught your children.” The magazine is the greatest aid that the teacher and the conscientious parent can possibly have. It entertains, and at the same time educates and instructs. The subscription price is \$3 a year. Remittances may be made directly to the publishers, The Century Co., 33 East 17th St., New York.