MONTHLY PRIZE OFFER.

WE shall each month give a prize for the best contribution for this department. Nothing will be published that is not practical, and that cannot be made use of by teachers in their ordinary class teaching. Contributions need not necessarily occupy more than one-third of a page, and in no case should one contribution occupy more than one page. The competitions will close on the 20th of each month, and the *prize* contribution, together with all contributions worthy of a place in this department, with the names of the several contributors, will be published in the magazine of the month following. All contributions received between the 20th and the end of the month will be included in the competition of the following month. This month we offer a complete set of THACKERAY'S WORKS, 11 volumes, bound in cloth, and illustrated, for the best contribution. The regular price of this set is $17.50. The competition is open to all readers of this magazine, and the contributions may be either original or selected.

PRACTICAL EXERCISES FOR PRIMARY PUPILS.

EXERCISE ONE.

1. What does it cost to mail a letter?
2. Write your name and address?
3. Write the names of the seven days.
4. Find the sum of the numbers between 9 and 19.
5. How many hours in a day and a night?

EXERCISE TWO.

1. How many days in September?
2. Make *cut, spin,* and *come* end in *ing.*
3. Write from memory any verse.
4. Write the five longest words you can think of.
5. What time is it when the large hand is at 5 and the small hand is between 2 and 3?

EXERCISE THREE.

1. How many inches in a foot?
2. Write the names of the months.
3. Write *I've* and *don't* in full.
4. In what month is Christmas?
5. Find the sum of the even numbers between 1 and 15.

EXERCISE FOUR.

1. Write something about yourself.
2. Write XIX. in figures.
3. Write the initials of your name.
4. What is an orchard?
5. Write a word meaning nearly the same as *parcel.*

EXERCISE FIVE.

1. Name four kinds of trees.
2. Correct: The stick had a *not* on it.
3. Name five things used in sewing.
4. What kind of grain is flour made from?
5. Name three kinds of housework, each name to end in *ing.*

NOTE.—Five exercises similar to the foregoing will appear in every number of the SUPPLEMENT. Contributions for this department will be accepted from teachers of primary classes.

HISTORICAL RECREATIONS.

1. What woman was prime mover in the massacre of St. Bartholomew?
2. Who was "King Hal?"
3. Who was "Queen Bess?"
4. Who was the first Prince of Wales?
5. Who were the Ironsides?
6. What German king kept an English king in prison until ransomed?
7. What Stuart sovereign did not meet a tragical end?
8. What English king assumed the title of King of France?
9. Who prepared the Book of Common Prayer?
10. Name three kings who received the title of "the Great?"

SHOEMAKERS' MEASURE.

THREE barleycorns, or *sizes,* equal one inch. Number one, children's measure, is 4⅜ inches, and every additional number calls for an increase of one-third of an inch in length. Number one, adults' measure, is 8½ inches long, with a gradual increase of one-third of an inch for additional numbers, so that, for example, number *ten* measures 11½ inches. This measure corresponds to the number of the *last,* and not to the length of the *sole.*