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## Editorial Notes.

WE are requested to announce that the examination in Botany for second class candidates will be of the same practical character as that required of first class candidates last year. Each candidate will be required to describe some flowering plant to be submitted to him by the presiding examiner.

TEACHERS see to it that, if possible, every member of your local Board of Education becomes a subscriber to the EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL. Every one of them should read it. It will be found one of the most efficient agents in enlarging their views and liberalizing their action in all matters relating to equipment of schools, remuneration of teachers, and the advancement of the work.

WE are requested to announce that a summer school of music for teachers will be held in the Education Department building during the first two weeks of August. Mr. Holt, of Boston, has been engaged, and will be assisted by several other musicians. The school is provided by the Minister of Education, and will be free to school teachers. A circular will soon be issued. Fuller information will be given in next issue.

WILL the secretaries of the various Teachers' Associations, or Institutes, which offer a bonus to members subscribing for an educational paper, by way of reducing the cost of subscription, do us the favor to inform the Business Manager of the JOURNAL of the amount of the bonus offered, its conditions, etc. An immediate compliance with this request will lay us under obligation. We wish to publish the facts for the information of all concerned.

REPLYING to a question, we stated in Question Drawer of the JOURNAL of April 15th, that no paper would be set on Drawing at the entrance examination in July, and that the submission of Book IV. or V. of the Drawing Course was all that would be required. We now learn that we were wrong. A paper will be set on Drawing in addition to the work in the prescribed Drawing Book. We regret the misapprehension, and trust that any who may be relying upon that statement will note this correction. We are usually careful to consult good authority on all such matters, and do not know how the mistake could have arisen.

AMONG Beaconsfield's epigrams is one to the effect that youth is a blunder, manhood a strug-

gle, and old age a disappointment. Referring to this, the Rev. Dr. Cole, in addressing the graduating class of Dalhousie College the other day, said well that the secret of true success in life is the having a true ideal of life. For the want of such an ideal; in other words of a clearly conceived and worthy aim, multitudes fail miserably. This truth holds with full force in regard to teachers. The teacher with a low aim, an indistinct aim, or no aim at all, is predestined to failure. Paint for us the ideal teacher and the ideal school which you set before you, to be your working model in the school-room and the inspiration and aspiration of your thoughtful hours, and we will undertake to predict, with tolerable accuracy, the kind and measure of your success.

"THE question of State aid to University Colleges is becoming the great educational question of the day." So says the *Educational Times* (Eng.) The *Times* is of opinion that the cause of education and the best interests of the race will be served by an extension of such aid in larger measure. We are strongly inclined to the opposite view. The immense endowments that are necessary to an efficient modern university are putting it out of the power of the State to support such institutions on any adequate or extended scale, without imposing a burden upon the people which they will not be long found either able or willing to bear. On the other hand the resources of voluntarism are unlimited, and all observation goes to show that when the field is left clear the liberality of wealthy philanthropists will be found to rise to the level of the highest occasion.

THE well-worn quotation, "The boy is father to the man," has a fresh and striking illustration in the case of Steele who made the attempt to murder in cold blood a bank cashier in Nova Scotia, a few weeks ago. The local newspapers tell us that the would-be murderer was noted from his earliest years for the cruel bent of his disposition. The torture of animals was a favorite pastime. Even as a child he was known to take delight in making a cat run over a hot stove. The incident has an instructive moral for parents and teachers. Any predisposition towards cruelty to animals, such as too frequently appears in children, should be most anxiously checked and counteracted. It is sadly true that of all the evil propensities of human nature

"None sooner shoots,  
If unrestrained, into luxuriant growth,  
Than cruelty, most devilish of them all."  
The memorizing and recitation of appropriate