

nation for the first year exhibitions and entrance to the second year as well, with a view to its adoption in the near future as the standard of entrance to the first year.

The title "Senior A. A." or "A. A. with honors" is of no importance so long as the existing standard is raised.

The preliminary subjects should form a separate examination, to be taken at any time, a certificate of having passed satisfactorily being required as a condition of entering the examination proper.

The changes proposed are all in the direction of more thorough and valuable work, and the adoption of the scheme, or something like it, would be a gain to schools and universities alike.

It was not my privilege to be asked to attend the meetings of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Teachers' Association in the city when the question was discussed, and I have, therefore, taken this opportunity of placing these suggestions before those of your readers who may be interested in the matter.

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Books Received and Reviewed.

[All Exchanges and Books for Review should be sent direct to Dr. J. M. Harper Box 305, Quebec, P.Q.]

MISCELLANEOUS.—*The North American Review* for last month has been received. *Vick's Floral Guide* may be obtained gratis from James Vicks, Seedsman, Rochester. *The Christian Herald*, as a candidate for favor among Biblical students, is worth subscribing for by Canadian teachers: it is published at 45 Bible House, New York. *The Presbyterian Year Book* is the most interesting volume of the kind published in Canada. With its illustrations, its tables and sketches, it is a book which every Presbyterian should subscribe for. The editor is Rev. George Simpson. *The Magazine of Poetry* comes to us in its second year very much improved; it is really the finest of all American periodicals of its class—a veritable work of art devoted to biography and poetry. *Treasure Trove*, the delight of the children, is full of all that interests the youthful reader and writer of stories. *The Canadian Gleaner Almanac* is, like all of Mr. Sellar's work, neatly got up and of the greatest interest. *Trübner's Record*, which is a journal devoted to the literature of the east, has an excellent picture of King Oscar of Sweden this month, and contains a sketch of his life and literary work, he being the patron of the International Congress of Orientalists. *Night and Day*, the illustrated periodical edited by Dr. Barnardo, continues to give the history of his work among the neglected children of England: the charitable should subscribe for this monthly. *The Montreal Medical Journal*, which is edited by Drs. Ross, Roddick and Stewart, is fully abreast of the