

various parts of the city, were thrown open as playgrounds for the use of children who cannot enjoy the luxury of a seashore outing was very successful. The grounds were open five days each week, from eight in the morning to five in the afternoon, until the 28th of August.

—THE *Educational News* says that Williams College, Massachusetts, has taken the step, possibly unprecedented among institutions of learning, of adopting measures with the avowed intent to decrease the number of her students. The college has accommodations for only 300 of these, but the classes have been steadily growing of late until the number has risen to nearly 400. The consequent inconvenience has been great, and as a remedy the requisites for admission have been materially raised, while considerably less financial aid is to be given to needy students.

—THE fall of the "Western Teachers' Association" should serve as a warning to those who are too ready to be the dupes of their more unscrupulous fellow beings. The *School Journal* gives the following account as received by it from Denver, Colorado:—"The Western Teachers' Association passed into the hands of a receiver on the first of September, and its president, John McKenzie, who proved to be John McKenzie East, was arrested for using the mails for fraudulent purposes. The swindle came in from the effort to secure life membership fees of five dollars each from teachers seeking positions. The letter-heads state that the association has been in existence since 1887, but it is not probable that it has been in active operation more than two months. During this time, however, business has flourished, and John 'McKenzie's' mail has been very heavy. Upon East's own admission he has never filled a school position from his list of applicants, but he has simply received money from teachers, which they paid in the expectation of obtaining positions."

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

The thirty-second Convention was held in the lecture hall of McGill Normal School, Montreal, October 15th, 16th and 17th, 1896.

FIRST SESSION, OCTOBER 15th—At 11 o'clock a.m. the President, Inspector Hewton, took the chair and called the