

**GRIP'S COMIC ALMANAC.**—This well-known annual, for 1889, is now in the bookstores. For ten years Canada's "own and only" Comic Almanac has delighted her people, and the new number is decidedly the best of the lot. The calendar pages are unique and ingenious; the double-page cartoon, "Irrepressible Tug of War," is first-class, while there are several full-page cartoons of no less merit, and any number of side-splitting illustrations. The letter-press is capital reading. Ten cents will secure the book at any newsdealer's—a modest tax for so enjoyable a *melange*, surely.

### EXCHANGES.

*Science of Photography*, November, has the concluding paper of a series by Xanthus Smith on "Composition in Landscape Pictures." This journal is a fine example of the typographical art. . . . *The Academy*, June, a superior monthly, devoted specially to the secondary education, issued under the auspices of the Associated Academic Principals of the State of New York. . . . *Volapuk*, a monthly journal of the "World Language"; Charles C. Beale, editor, Boston. . . . *The Siciss Cross*, November, has an interesting illustrated article on a lava-flow in the Hawaiian islands. . . . "The Reorganization of the British Empire," by G. R. Parkin of Fredericton, in the December *Century*, should have many Canadian readers. . . . "The Bells of St. Anne" is a finely illustrated article in the *St. Nicholas* for December, containing, among other views, one representing the Parliament buildings at Ottawa. . . . *The Popular Science Monthly* for December contains, among other articles of interest, a very readable one on "Atomic Worlds and their Motions." . . . *Science* of December 7th has an article appropriate for the times on "Pseudo-scientific Humbuggery." . . . *The Illustrated London News* (New York edition) for December 8th is an elegant number of this popular weekly. It contains, among other illustrations, scenes in the Canadian Northwest. . . . *Garden and Forest* continues to maintain its high position. In the number for December 5 appeared an excellent article on the subject, "Do Forests Influence Rainfall?" . . . Every scientific and practical man should have the *Scientific American*. See the advertisement in another column. . . . *Grip*, with the new year, enters upon its thirty-second half-yearly volume, a fact which speaks eloquently for the merits of this unique and favorite Canadian journal. No former attempt in the field of humorous journalism in Canada was ever successful, because in no former case was there the happy combination of elements essential to the success of such a venture. In the first place, an uncommon fertility of invention is required to keep a comic paper abreast of the times, and this must be backed up by an artistic ability equal to the task of interpreting the happy thoughts evolved in a popular manner. Secondly, there must be the solid basis of right principle upon which to build. Truth, honor, fairness and good taste are all as essential to the success of a comic journal as of a magazine of the highest class. All these features have, from the first number, distinguished *Grip* in a high degree. It stands today alongside of the very best productions of its class in the world, and enjoys a fame far beyond the bounds of Canada. To Canadians it ought to

be more and more an object of patriotic pride, and certainly but little can be said for the patriotism of any Canadian who pretends to culture, and can afford the price, whose name is not found upon *Grip's* subscription list. The subscription price is almost ridiculously low, when the rates of similar (and not equally able) journals elsewhere are considered. It is only two dollars a year, although the paper contains sixteen pages filled with bright original humor of pen and pencil, and always gives, without stint, political cartoons on passing events, which for point, power and humor are certainly unsurpassed in any humorous paper of the day. Get it for 1889 without fail.

### Nova Scotia County Academy Entrance Examinations, 1888.

#### BRITISH AND CANADIAN HISTORY.

1. Relate the story of the quarrel between Charnise and Charles de la Tour.
2. Describe briefly (1) Discovery of the Mississippi, (2) Treaty of Utrecht, (3) Capture of Beausejour, (4) Settlement of Pictou, (5) First Rebellion in the Northwest.
3. Give dates for the following events in Nova Scotia history: Founding of Halifax, Expulsion of the Acadians, New Brunswick made a separate Province, Dominion of Canada formed, Visit of DeMonts, Massacre at Grand Pre, Arrival of Duke of Kent, Sir John Harvey (Governor of Nova Scotia).
4. Name the Sovereigns of the House of Hanover, and give the dates of their accession.
5. Describe the character of any one of the following Sovereigns: Henry VIII., Charles I., Elizabeth, George III., Richard III.
6. Name as many of England's naval victories as you can, and briefly describe any one of them.
7. Write a note on the Chartists.

#### GRAMMAR.

1. Write the passage dictated by the examiner, with due attention to punctuation and the correct use of capitals.
2. Give the two plural forms of each of the following nouns, explaining the difference of meaning in each case:—*brother, penny, die, index*.
3. State the circumstances under which *that* should be used in preference to *who* or *which* in introducing relative clauses.
4. Correct, where necessary, the following sentences:—  
(1.) It is fortunate that neither of you were ill.  
(2.) You hadn't ought to have asked that question.  
(3.) Our M.s P. and M.s P. P. are all good men and true.
5. Name and define the various moods.
6. Parse: Homeward weeping went Nikomis,  
Sorrowing for her Hiawatha.
7. Analyze: Since you are so kind, I shall no longer refuse to tell you why I have come.

#### USEFUL KNOWLEDGE.

(Ten questions will be considered a perfect paper).

1. Describe the formation of coral islands and reefs.
2. What effect upon the soil has the action of earthworms?