

NOTES FOR TEACHERS.

THE BRITISH ARMY.—The latest returns of the British Army show an effective force of 207,500 men, of these 9,000 are in Egypt (soon to be much reduced) 71,000 in India and a few in the Colonies. The government of Ireland demands the presence of 25,000 men.

THE COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE OF PRECEPTORS propose to start a fund for the purpose of establishing a training college, or of promoting some other scheme for the training of teachers; and in the mean time it is intended to set apart £300 a year, to be awarded in the shape of scholarships for intending teachers.—*English Exchange*.

EDUCATION may be, instead of a great blessing, a great curse. We are training boys and girls too rapidly. We have a thousand candidates for one place. The 999 live, then, by their wits, and the wits are turned to fraud and sensationalism. This is not an argument against education, but a warning. Make it healthy and safe.—*Earl of Shaftesbury*.

THE PRINCE OF WALES has undertaken at an early date to open the new buildings of the College of Preceptors in Bloomsbury Square, recently erected at a cost of over £16,000. The Council hope in their new quarters to carry on with increased efficiency the manifold work of the institution, the importance of which may be measured by the fact that more than fifteen thousand pupils, representing nearly four thousand schools, were examined by the College during the past twelve months.

No system of self-culture, however elaborate, can ever give that vigour and tone to the system, or that sense of power to the mind, which comes from regular, well-performed labour. To work with a purpose, whether it be at the forge or the shop, in the factory or the office, in the field or the studio, in the kitchen or the schoolroom, gives a conscious ability that nothing else can produce, and that goes far to make the manly or the womanly character.—*Ex*.

THE WARRIORS OF THE CRIMEA.—Mer. M. De Vagüé in a recent article, in a French paper, states that outside Sebastopol, beyond the fortifications, another city, that of death, crowns the hills.

The city of the living is very small compared to this vast necropolis, where in their respective quarters 250,000 men of all nations are sleeping. This vanished multitude is distributed all about, in small groups and large masses, over ground consecrated and unconsecrated, and under pyramids indicating the battle-fields of Balaklava, Inkerman and Alma.

WHERE IT IS REALLY COLD.—Bishop Clut, the Arctic regions missionary now in Montreal, furnishes the following interesting statistics of temperature observed at Good Hope during the years 1885 and 1886:—From Oct. 1, 1885, to May 1, 1886, the thermometer was never above zero. In February, 1886, it went down to 52° below, and was as low as 18° on May 11 of the same year, while on Oct. 24 preceding it was down to 27°.

Fourteen years ago Bishop Clut