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## SCHOOL WORK AND PLAY.

### A New List of Generous Premiums.

The Publishers of "School Work and Play" have decided to make a grand effort to interest all of the teachers, and all of their pupils, in this country, in the new Canadian paper for Canadian boys and girls. Its excellence is admitted on all hands; but, unfortunately, it cannot live on even the most sincere and friendly encomiums. Four thousand more subscribers are required to place it on a safe financial footing; and to the teachers and their pupil canvassers alone can the publishers look for the success of the enterprise.

Sundry prizes were offered for the formation of school clubs; but these were mainly confined to the teachers. The publishers now make the following offers, which they believe will be sufficient to induce an effort to secure the success desired:

#### PRIZES FOR PUPIL CANVASSERS.

- 1.—To the boy or girl sending the largest list of new subscribers by Sept. 1st, *A Gold Watch*.
- 2.—Second prize, for second largest list, *A Silver Watch*.
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- 5.—Fifth prize, for the fifth largest list, *A Cricket Bat or Base-Ball Set*, if sent by a boy; or *A Good Workbox*, if by a girl.

It is a condition that the fifth prize list number at least 25.

#### PRIZES FOR THE TEACHERS.

**First.**—In order to secure the interest of the teachers in engaging their young canvassers, and overseeing their operations, we will give a Concise Imperial Dictionary, best binding, to the teacher of the pupil who wins the Gold Watch; and a Concise Imperial Dictionary, cloth binding, to the teacher of the pupil who wins the Silver Watch.

We also increase our former offers to teachers getting up school clubs, as follows:

- 1.—*An extra copy for an order for 5.*
- 2.—*The "Educational Journal" for an order for 15.*
- 3.—*"Grip," 1 year, for an order for 25.*
- 4.—*"Grip" and "The Educational Journal" for an order for 35.*
- 5.—*The Concise Imperial Dictionary, best binding, for an order for 50.*
- 6.—*The Concise Imperial Dictionary and "The Educational Journal" for an order for 60.*
- 7.—*The Concise Imperial Dictionary, "The Educational Journal," and "Grip," for an order for 75.*
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## Editorial Notes.

It is worth all our readers' while to refer to the advertisement of the Ontario Business College, Belleville, even as a matter of curiosity, to learn of the success that has attended an Ontario institution, whose fame has gone beyond the bounds of this continent. The work it does makes it worthy of its success.

CANADA, and particularly its Maritime division, is becoming quite prolific in poets. The April number of the *Atlantic Monthly* contains a long poem entitled "Death in April," by Bliss Carman, a promising young New Brunswicker. The poem is very creditable as a whole and contains many fine passages. We shall try to find room for a sample or two on another page.

IN reference to the query concerning the Reef of Norman's Woe, in last issue, Inspector Dearness sends us the following:

"At the time a certain series of Readers was in preparation I had some correspondence with Longfellow. Of the Reef of Norman's Woe he wrote, under date of Feb. 8, 1881, 'I do not know, nor do I think any man living knows why the Reef of Norman's Woe is so called. Such is its name, but the origin of it is unknown so far as I have been able to discover.'"

THE Principal and masters of the Normal and Model schools in Toronto, with the approval of the Minister of Education, have determined to observe Arbor day in a suitable manner, and for this purpose have invited a number of distinguished ladies to plant trees indigenous to Canada in the Normal School grounds. A number of well-known ladies have been invited to take part in the proceedings. The children are to have a holiday, of course.

THE *Journal of Pedagogy* recently heard a teacher assert that he would not admit his ignorance of any subject or part of a subject in the presence of his pupils. Our contemporary seems astonished at this evidence of the survival of a species which he had supposed to be extinct. It is certainly not a case of "survival of the fittest." The editor well says:—

"We know of no more painful discovery to a pupil than to know that a teacher of his is or was a charlatan, and that he lacked that most essential element of true courage, the self-mastery that makes him willing to tell the truth at the expense of his pride."

FROM the last annual report of the Ontario Education Department we learn that in 1885,