

Editorial Notices, &c.

PROGRAMME FOR THE EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.—The next number of this *Journal* will contain the Programme for the Examination and Classification of Teachers, with an accompanying Circular to County Boards of Public Instruction; also a Circular to the newly elected Boards of School Trustees in Cities and Towns. These papers will complete the exposition of the duties of the various officers chosen, and the system of education provided for, under the new School Law.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX TO THE SCHOOL ACT.—The comprehensive *Alphabetical Index* to the new School Act which appears in this number, has been prepared by THOMAS BENSON, Esquire, Mayor of the Town of Peterboro, and transmitted at the request of the Peterboro County Council,—which has also ordered, and forwarded the subscription for, a copy of the present volume of the *Journal of Education* for each of the 106 School Sections in the County. We hope and trust that a like interest on the part of all persons in the position of Mr. BENSON and the Peterboro County Council, will soon be general throughout Upper Canada. That is the true way to make an educated country.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AMERICANA :

Transactions and Collections of the American Antiquarian Society.
Vol. III., Part I. 8vo. pp. 107. Boston, 1850.

Antiquities in America! A truly novel fact, indeed; but no less true. Had we not read Stephen's Travels in Central America and Yucatan, we would long have remained sceptical of the fact that America had any artistic or literary antiquities to engage the attention of even the veriest amateur antiquarian. Every day however adds to the dignity of American history, and throws around the transactions and remains of former years, the air of the *antique reliques* of the old and venerable mother of the "new world,"—as this continent was designated, nearly four centuries ago, when the cautious and pensive Spaniard, or the adventurous citizen of St. Malo, directed the prows of their high pooped vessels towards the setting sun, in search of the seats of Empire in the far west.

We were much interested in the volume before us. It contains a highly interesting and minute account of the "Origin of the Companie of Massachusetts Bay, in new Englande" in 1628; a biographical sketch of each of the 110 members of the Company; and a *verbatim et literatim* transcript of the quaint "*Records of the Companie*" from April 1628 to June 1629. The remainder of the Records to 1641 will be published in succeeding volumes. The biographical sketches embody much valuable historical and personal miscellanea of the period at which the Company flourished.

The Hon. E. EVERETT, LL.D., is President of the Society under whose auspices the Records are collected and printed. "The Transcript of the Records was made by Mr. D. PULSIVER, who," the Editor remarks, "to great skill in penmanship, joins a genuine antiquarian taste and much familiarity with the chirography of ancient records," assisted by the Rev. J. B. FELT, one of the Committee of Publication. S. F. HASEN, Esq., the Editor, seems to have discharged his onerous and delicate task with great discrimination and ability.

We have to express our thanks to our American Book Agent, Mr. D. M. DAWY, Rochester, for a copy of the "*Transactions*," &c.

ELEMENTS OF SCIENTIFIC AGRICULTURE,

Or the Connexion between Science and the Art of Practical Farming.
By JOHN P. NORTON, A.M., Professor of Scientific Agriculture in Yale College. Albany, N.Y. ERASTUS H. PEASE & Co. 8vo., pp. 208.

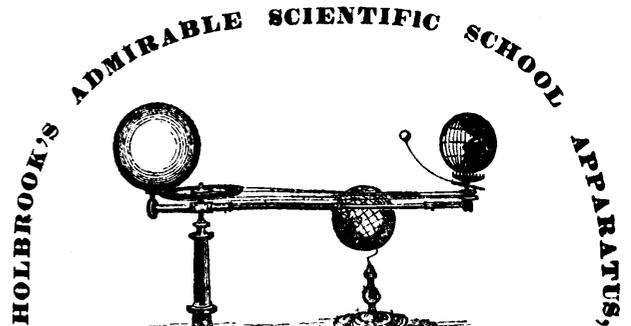
An admirable companion for a practical farmer. It is purely scientific in its character; but its practical character and value may be inferred from the fact of its being one of the Prize Essays of the N. Y. State Agricultural Society. Its general arrangement is excellent, and is similar to Professor JOHNSTON'S larger "Catechism of Agricultural Chemistry and Geology." The catechetical form, however, is discarded, "as not adapted to the Schools of this country, they requiring a work of more fulness and detail." The experiments and illustrations recommended, are of the most simple character. Altogether the work impresses us with its value as an Agricultural Text-Book.

CONTENTS OF THIS NUMBER.

	PAGE.
I. What Common School Education can do for a Country,	129
II. The efficiency of a School System not dependent on a large School Fund	130
III. <i>Alphabetical Index</i> to the New School Act for Upper Canada	133
IV. EDITORIAL. 1. <i>Journal of Education</i> . 2. School Architecture in Upper Canada. 3. New Normal School Site and Buildings. 4. Public Competition for Professorships in Colleges. 5. Correspondence	136
V. MISCELLANEOUS. 1. Poetry. 2. Education of Women. 3. English Libraries. 4. Human Mind. 5. Unsectarian Colleges. 6. Counsels for the Young	139
VI. EDUCATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. 1. Canada. 2. British and Foreign. 3. United States	140
VII. LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE	142
VIII. EDITORIAL NOTICES	144

WANTED.

A SITUATION as Teacher of a Common School by a single man of sober habits, who has had twelve years' experience—has attended a Session in the Normal School and received a certificate on leaving. Application, stating salary, &c., to be addressed (if by letter post paid) to M. Glengary, Alexandria P. O.



ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR COMMON SCHOOLS,

MAY be obtained from Mr. HODGINS, Education Office, Toronto, at the following remarkably low prices:

Superior Brass Mounted Orrery, (3 feet in diameter)	£2 10 0
ditto. Tellurian (for explaining change of Season, Tides, Eclipses, &c.)	2 0 0
Terrestrial Globe and Stand, 5 in. diameter (Singly 6s. 3d)..	0 5 0
20 Geometrical Forms and Solids, including block to illustrate the extraction of the cube root,	0 6 3
Numeral Frame, for teaching Arithmetic with ease	0 5 0
Lunarian (for illustrating the Phases of the Moon and centre of gravity,)	0 5 0
Explanatory Text Book,	0 1 3
Geological Cabinet 25 specimens neatly arranged in a box	0 10 0
Box, varnished, with lock and key to contain the above....	0 5 0

Charge for entire set, including Geological Specimens, .. £5 7 6

Any of the articles may be obtained separately: also Page's Theory and Practice of Teaching; or the Motives and Methods of good School Keeping, an admirable Teacher's Manual, pp. 349, .. £0 5 0
Morse's Geography with Maps and Wood Cuts, .. 0 2 6
Davies' Grammar of Arithmetic [see Jour. of Ed. page 48] 0 1 3
Parker's Compendium of Nat. Phil. [see Jour. of Ed. page] 0 5 0
Reading Tablet Lessons 1s. 4d.—Arithmetic, do. 2s. 4d.—Natural History and other Object Lessons at various prices—National Maps 18s. each, [except Map of the World, 24s.]—National Books—Johnston's Agricultural Chemistry 1s. 3d., &c. &c. &c.

CHAMBER'S EDUCATIONAL COURSE.
THE SCIENTIFIC SECTION.

PUBLISHED BY A. S. BARNES & Co., NEW-YORK.

THE Messrs. Chambers have employed the first professors in Scotland in the preparation of these works. They are now offered to the schools of this country, under the American revision of D. M. REESE, M.D., LL.D., late Superintendent of Public Schools in the City and County of New-York.

- I. CHAMBERS' TREASURY OF KNOWLEDGE.
- II. CLARK'S ELEMENTS OF DRAWING AND PERSPECTIVE.
- III. CHAMBERS' ELEMENTS OF NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.
- IV. REID AND BAIN'S CHEMISTRY AND ELECTRICITY.
- V. HAMILTON'S VEGETABLE AND ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY.
- VI. CHAMBERS' ELEMENTS OF ZOOLOGY.
- VII. PAGE'S ELEMENTS OF GEOLOGY.

"It is well known that the original publishers of these works (the Messrs. Chambers of Edinburgh) are able to command the best talent in the preparation of their books, and that it is their practice to deal faithfully with the public. They are elementary works prepared by authors in every way capable of doing justice to their respective undertakings, and who have evidently bestowed upon them the necessary time and labor to adapt them to their purpose. We recommend them to teachers and parents with confidence. If not introduced as class-books in the school, they may be used to excellent advantage in general exercises, for which every teacher ought to provide himself with an ample store of materials. The volumes may be had separately; and the one first named, in the hands of a teacher of the younger classes, might furnish an inexhaustible fund of amusement and instruction. Together, they would constitute a rich treasure to a family of intelligent children, and impart a thirst for knowledge."—*Vermont Chron.*

Toronto: Printed and published by THOMAS H. BENTLEY.

TERMS: 5s. per annum in advance. No subscription received for less than one year, commencing with the January Number. Single Nos. 74d each. Back Numbers supplied to all new Subscribers.

** The 1st and 2nd Vols., neatly stitched; may be obtained upon application, price, 5s. each.

All Communications to be addressed to Mr. HODGINS, Education Office, Toronto.