

get into ruts; should read to see how others worked; read to gain knowledge, to develop the mind regularly. Teachers must have clear ideas of the work they have to do, and the Library was the best source from which to get the needed assistance. On motion of P. McLean, of Model School, Milton, N. J. Wellwood, B.A., Oakville H.S., Miss Mary Crooks, of Burlington, and R. Coates, of Norval, were appointed a committee to report on a set of Readers prepared and submitted by Mr. Gage for examination and approval. Report.—“Your committee on Text Books on Reading beg respectfully to report, that we are decidedly of opinion that in view of the increased attention that is now paid to the subject of reading, improved and more suitable text books are desirable. We are much pleased with the new series of Readers published by Messrs. Gage & Co., and consider that they embrace many new and excellent features, which must prove of very material aid to teachers and pupils in this important branch of study. On the whole we consider this series of Readers much superior to any that we have yet examined. All of which is respectfully submitted (Signed.) P. McLean, Mary Crooks, N. J. Wellwood, R. Coates, Palermo, Ont., 24th Feb., 1882.” Dr. McLellan then discussed the question, “Unitary Method v. Rule of Three.” This was handled in a clear and practical manner, while Proposition was accorded a very prominent place, the U.M. was considered of far more practical utility. “Reading” was next introduced. The Dr said it was too much neglected in the High Schools, probably because as it did not pay, and perhaps it did not receive sufficient attention in the Public Schools. The subject was pretty fully discussed. Attention was called to several points, as, Articulation, Enunciation, Expression; much stress was laid on clearly and distinctly uttering the consonants and short vowels, etc., etc. Teachers should set good models before their pupils, and encourage them to imitate. Always prepare lessons before coming to the class. The Treasurer’s report was read, the balance from last year being \$34.29. Grammar was next treated of, and many very good hints given for the benefit of teachers. The order of introducing the subject in its various stages was suggested. Would guard teachers against rendering the poetical passages analytically. Mr. N. J. Wellwood, B.A., took up “Statics,” and in a very clear and pleasing style pointed out the needful requirements for its successful study. This was followed by Mr. Hasland, who read a carefully prepared paper on “Writing.” This brought out some discussion about position, pen holding and methods to be followed when teaching young pupils. “Good Questioning and Bad,” was very ably and forcibly handled by Dr. McLellan under the following heads: 1. Object of Questioning. 2. Qualifications of the Questioner. 3. Characteristics of the Questions. Many errors were pointed out, and proper remedies suggested. The committee to prepare a resolution of condolence to the bereaved family of Dr. Ryerson submitted the following:—*Resolved*, We, the Teachers of the County of Halton, in convention assembled, desire to express our heartfelt sympathy with the family of the late Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Education for the Province of Ontario, in the irreparable loss they have sustained in his death. We, as Teachers, mourn the loss of our late venerable chief, whom we regard as pre-eminently the teacher’s friend, and to his efforts attribute the greatly improved social position and professional efficiency of the teachers of this Province. As Canadians, also, we deplore the loss of one whose life-work, more than that of any other Canadian, has, we believe, conduced to the intellectual well-being of the Province of Ontario. We fondly hope this, his life-work, will ever remain the grandest and most imperishable monument of his untiring perseverance. A. Bunny, H. Hasland, R. Coates. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. L. Hughes, Dr. McLellan lectured on Thursday evening to a full house. Subject, “This Canada of Ours.” At the close the chairman, Dr. Buck, Reeve of the Township of Trafalgar, remarked, “If Dr. McLellan does so well for another person much may we expect from him when he appears for himself to-morrow night.” H. M. Switzer, Esq., in most fitting terms, moved a vote of thanks to Dr. McLellan for his instructive, eloquent and patriotic lecture. Rev. A. Ferguson was the seconder. On the following evening we had an address on “The Teacher and Parent in Relation to Education.” This if possible was the source of greater pleasure to the audience than that of the previous evening. Wm. McCroney, of Oakville, in moving a vote of thanks alluded to the lessons that he had himself received while listening that evening. Rev. W. Pirritte seconded the above, which was carried unanimously. The thanks of the H.C.T.A. were cordially tendered the people of Palermo for their generous hospitality to the teachers, and for providing conveyances free of charge to and from the R.R. stations, also to the trustees of the school house and to the trustees of the M.E. Church for the use of their commodious rooms, free of charge, for the daily session and evening lectures. A most pleasing feature of this convention was the attendance of all the leading persons in the neighborhood, many coming six or eight miles to hear the papers read, and listen to the discussions. The ladies were present in no small numbers. One gentleman remarked that “I thought this convention was only a lot of the teachers gathered together to keep up salaries, etc., for themselves, but I find they never say salary, they talk of their work, and try to find the best ways to do it effectively.” Next meeting in Burlington in September or October.—*Con.*

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SCRIBNER’S GEOGRAPHICAL READER AND PRIMER. Chas. Scribner’s Sons, New York.—This is a series of Journeys Round the World (based on Guyot’s introduction), with Primary Lessons, and is intended to give zest to dry, geographical information, by means of interesting descriptions of leading features in the several countries supposed to be passed through. The beautiful engravings which illustrate the text, and the well-executed maps that are to be used with the exercises, serve to make the book attractive and useful. The aim of the work is, in Part I., to excite interest in the several countries described; and, in Part II., to give their commercial and political character—the physical features being noticed, generally, in the course of each “journey.” As it is intended for primary work the amount of information given is not burdensome, but we should like to see important countries, such as Great Britain, France, Canada, &c., occupy more of the book than they do, and commensurate with their position in the civilized world. As a reading book on geography it is valuable, interesting, and attractive, and in opening up the subject it is practical and effective. Type, paper, and mechanical execution are of the high class which is characteristic of the publishing house of Chas. Scribner’s Sons.

MAGAZINES.

THE CONTEMPORARY REVIEW for March has been received from Strahan & Co., 34 Paternoster Row, London. It contains the following articles: ‘The Revised Version and its Assaults,’ by F. W. Farrar, D.D.; ‘Agricultural Depression,’ by the Duke of Argyll; ‘The Government of London,’ by Sir Arthur Hobhouse; ‘Monks,’ by Alfred H. Wallace; ‘Disestablishment in Scotland,’ by Principal Rainy; ‘The Financial Crisis in France,’ by Auguste Vitre; ‘Compensation to Irish Landlords,’ by Professor Leach; ‘The Vistas of the Past,’ ‘The Earth and the Moon,’ by R. A. Proctor; ‘Land and Labor,’ by Rev. W. H. Blackley; ‘The Procedure of the House of Commons,’ by J. E. Thorold Rogers, M.P.; ‘Prof. Goldwin Smith As a Critic,’ by Herbert Spencer; ‘The Channel Tunnel,’ by Lord Bradborne. *The Contemporary* is ably maintaining its place as one of the foremost periodicals of the day.

ST. NICOLAS FOR APRIL opens with a charming frontispiece picture by Rosina Emmet, illustrating a timely little poem by Mary Mapes Dodge, entitled ‘An April Girl.’ Mrs. Abby Morton Diaz contributes ‘The Story of Wangse Pah and the White Elephant,’ an illustrated sketch of Siamese life. ‘Lord Malapert of Moonshine Castle’ is a bright comedy for children, by E. S. BROWNE. The voracious legend of Mr. Weathercock is given by ‘Aunt Fanny’ Barrow. Walter Satterlee has drawn four page-illustrations for some æsthetic stanzas, called ‘Lament of the Cat-tail.’ Dr. Eggleston’s serial, ‘The Hoosier Scho-I-boy,’ and the ‘Recollections of a Drummer-boy,’ by Harry M. Kleffer, are brought, all too soon, to their conclusions, in stirring and spirited instalments, and ‘Donald and Dorothy’ have a grand, good time in their ‘House Pic-nic.’ The illustrated ‘Northern Myth’ stories are continued with the legend of ‘The Hoard of the Swarthy Elves.’ Mary N. Prescott, Margaret Johnson, and Margaret Vandergrift are among those who contribute poems and sketches, and there are drawings by J. Wells Champney, Walter Shirkin, Addie Ledyard, J. G. Francis, and Jessie McDermott.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE.—The frontispiece of the number presents the strong, plain, and decidedly English face of Matthew Arnold, the original being the portrait by the painter G. F. Watts. This accompanies a biographical-critical study, by Mr. Andrew Lang, of Mr. Arnold’s poetry and essays—the purely literary feature of the number. Of the serials, Mrs. Burnett makes a decided advance with her novel, ‘Through One Administration,’ the reader has a chance to correct some misapprehensions, Bertha goes to the Virginia mountains, and Mr. Amory gives his ideal of a woman lobbyist. Mr. Howells’ ‘Modern Instance’ takes his young married couple to Boston, touches lightly on the foibles of young married people in general, and introduces Bartley to Boston journalism, which is to figure largely in later parts of the novel. The illustrated papers cover a good deal of ground. The third of Mrs. Mitchell’s papers on sculpture is devoted to ‘The Age of Praxiteles.’ The subject is treated in an expository way, and is illustrated with beautiful engravings by Cole, Krull, Miss Powell, Evans, Babcock, Shusler, and Tynan. More superb cuts of ancient art have probably never been made. The Hera head, the two cuts of the Hermes, and the Demeter, are the most striking. ‘Some American Tiles,’ is the title of a paper, by Frank D. Millet, descriptive of processes and results at the Chelsea (Mass.) Tile Works. The variety and beauty of these tiles may be seen in the drawings, and the rapid improvement in the American product may be inferred from the facts that, whereas a few years ago there was not a decorative tile made in the country, in 1880 these specimens took the gold medal at Crewe “over all the famous pottery manufacturers of the United Kingdom.” The remainder of the body articles are light, and include a charming short story of New Mexico, ‘Nilita,’ by Thomas A. Janvier, a writer who awakens large expectations by the distinct literary flavor and wide range of method he displays, ‘The Blessings of Piracy,’ by Edward Eggleston, a satirical treatment of the question of international copyright, and a paper on ‘Oddities of Southern Life,’ by Henry Watterson, who, after recalling much that was humorous and characteristic in the South of the day of ‘Simon Suggs’ and ‘Major Jones’ records some of the marked changes that have occurred, since the war, in the motives of society, concluding with a tribute to Southern women and the new Southern thrift. Poems are contributed by ‘H. H.’ Ellen M. Hutchinson, Roger Jordan, Henry A. Boers, Henry Eckford, and Alice Wellington Rollins. ‘Tales of the Time,’ concludes a most readable number. The publication of Thomas Carlyle’s ‘Irish Journal’ will begin in the May *Century*.