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Editorial Notes.

MR. B. J. MCKAY, of Kingston, has been notified that his essay on "Teaching Writing in the Public Schools," entered in a prize competition got up by the Penman's Art Journal, which was open to the whole United States and Canada, and entered into by the most competent teachers of penmanship on the continent, has been awarded the first prize. The Kingston *News* says that Mr. McKay has received numerous congratulatory letters. His essay has been published in the *Penman's Journal*.

THE subject to which our correspondent "H.W.B.," calls attention, is of more importance than may be generally supposed. We quite agree with him that the prevalent practice in country schools is unscientific and unhygienic. This is true in regard to pupil as well as teacher. Neither is in fit condition for brain work immediately after partaking of the mid-day meal, especially when that is, as is usual in the country, the principal meal of the day. When the thing is at all practicable, we should recommend only a slight luncheon at noon, and dinner after the close of school. In the good time coming we expect to see the school day shortened to not more than five hours, and completed at one session, with necessary but brief intermissions.

School Work and Play, for May 17th, is being mailed as the JOURNAL goes to press. It is fully up to the mark, and will be welcomed by its young readers all over the country. A great deal of interest is being manifested in the generous premiums offered for lists of subscribers, in the competition to close 1st of September. It is to be hoped that no teacher will let the opportunity pass to interest the pupils in this paper, which is everywhere acknowledged to be full of interest to the children, and not lacking in help to the teacher. A great many of the young people will fail to be reached by the samples and the offers, unless the teachers take the trouble to introduce the matter, as the publishers are not in a position to address the pupils whose names they do not know. But a little kindly effort on the part of those who wish such a paper to succeed, will soon place it on a safe footing. Samples will be sent to any teacher desiring them, and to the addresses of all young canvassers whose names are sent in. The publishers are sparing no pains or expense to make the paper acceptable; and they again ask their friends of the teaching profession to help them.