

*School Journal* would perhaps notice with a smile how adroitly, yet dishonestly, our contemporary had garbled the extract from the *New England Journal of Education* which appeared in our last issue, in transferring it into its own pages. The *School Journal* prefaced the extract with a few words of its own, commending our *New England* contemporary "as a paper which takes considerable pains to keep itself well informed of educational matters in Canada." So as not to belie this expression of its opinion it nonchalantly omitted from the extract the erroneous enumeration of the component parts of the Central Committee, viz., "Chief Superintendent, the Council of Public Instruction and four Public School Inspectors!" The conductors of the *Canada School Journal* are on a fair way to earn a reputation for forgery. This is the next step after garbling a quotation."

In the November number of the *SCHOOL MAGAZINE* there appeared a paper on "*History in our Public Schools*;" in a subsequent issue of the *Canada School Journal* this subject was discussed in the same way, and that too without giving the author of the article in the *SCHOOL MAGAZINE* any credit for it whatever. This system of literary pilfering is not new to the management of the *Journal*; they have been guilty of other acts of a character that cannot in all cases be explained away by similarity of mental development, and yet this is the periodical that claims to be par excellence the organ of the teachers of Ontario. We deal in no vague generalities; if the *Journal* demand particulars and ask for instances, we are prepared to give them at any time. The western "road agents" who loot a coach or a caravan are noble characters in comparison with the literary Coyotes who prowl around the outskirts of honest labor ever ready to snap up whatever is unguarded. A recent writer in the

*London Times* thus speaks of these pseudo authors: "I can protect my horse, my rings, the saucepans my cook uses, the spade my gardener works with. But I cannot protect that work of my own brain which without me could never have taken shape or seen the light, and must be more intrinsically and utterly mine than anything on earth."

We would call attention to the advertisement of the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company in this issue of the *MAGAZINE*. This Company is composed of its Policy Holders, who own all its property and funds, and control its management through a Board of Directors whom they elect from among themselves. The strength of the Company is seen in the ratio of its assets to its liabilities; this it claims is larger than that of any other Canadian Company. We have compared the cost of insuring in this Company with that of other Companies and find not only that the rates are lower, but that the dividends from profits are larger than those of any other Canadian Company. This Company is noted for its economical management, hence the large dividend to its Policy Holders.

Every prominent business man that we know of is insured. The man who decries life insurance places himself on record as against the judgment of the best financial ability of the country. The head office of the Company is in Waterloo, Ont., and the manager is Wm. Hendry, Esq.

Messrs. James Campbell & Son, publishers, Toronto, have patented a very convenient kind of Map Stand; it combines lightness with strength in its construction, it is 78 by 56 inches and can be used also as a black-board. A very good idea of the stand may be obtained from the engraving of it in the advertisement on another page.