

NOTES.

CANON LIDDLE is at work on a biography of Dr. Pusey, from which much is expected.

WE enter hopefully upon the New Year. We commend THE EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY—the teachers' magazine—to the profession. We endeavour to supply such reading matter as will be useful to the teacher, not only in the class, but in daily life, and we confidently rely on their support and patronage.

PLANETS IN JANUARY.—“Mercury, Venus and Uranus are morning stars during the month. Saturn, Neptune and Mars are evening stars, but Mars is so near the sun as to be hidden in his rays. Jupiter rises in the north-east about nine in the evening, appears very bright and is visible the entire night.”—*Exchange.*

SOME time ago efforts were made to do something by way of commemorating the life and labours of the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, but of late the whole affair seems to have dropped out of sight. Was not a committee formed to solicit subscriptions? Who were those that composed that committee? What have they done? How much money have they collected, and what are they going to do about it? Speak up, gentlemen.

BRITISH EDUCATION.—The result of the Queen's scholarship examinations, qualifying candidates for admission into training colleges or for the office of teacher, has just been made known by the Education Department. 2,197 males presented themselves for examination in England, Wales and Scotland, of whom 393 were placed in the first class, 829 in the second, and 217 in the third, while 758 failed. Of the 3,515 female candidates examined; 714 were placed in the first class, 1,372 in the second, and 318 in the third, while the failures amounted to 1,111. These results show that about one-third of both male and female candidates failed to pass the Government examination.

THE teachers of Hamilton at their last general meeting, held on the 18th of December, unanimously passed the following resolution in regard to Mr. Smith's resignation of the City Inspectorship:—

“Moved by Mr. G. W. Johnson, seconded by Miss Emma Daville, that we, the teachers of the Hamilton Public Schools, having learned that the City School Inspector, Mr. J. H. Smith, has resigned that position, avail ourselves of this opportunity to tender him our sincere thanks for the generous aid and valuable advice with which he ever cheerfully and promptly responded to all our appeals, and to assure him that we shall always cherish pleasant recollections of his visits, and to wish him abundant success in all his future career.”

A CORRESPONDENT in Virginia favours us with some interesting information about the “Old Dominion.” “There are large areas of fertile soil in the Old Dominion, but the State and perhaps most of the Atlantic slope may be divided into three belts, viz.: tide water, intermediate, and piedmont or mountainous, the first being particularly adapted to corn, melons, potatoes, peanuts and sweet potatoes, but unhealthy though productive; the second more adapted to wheat and grass, and generally not fertile; the piedmont unsurpassed anywhere for grazing and growing grain. We had a very dry, open season until last Thursday, when the mercury went down nearly to zero at one bounce; that is one unpleasant feature of this climate, the changes are so sudden and violent. I am satisfied from my experience in Virginia that even farther south a person would suffer almost as much with cold as in Canada; the mercury fell to 22° below zero during the last days of December in 1880.”

A COMMISSION of five gentlemen, citizens of the State of New York, was appointed some time ago to make arrangements for establishing the Niagara Falls Park. Every one will be interested to hear that their