

certificate—I had never met and would not recognize if I had seen it.

In the class of forty-eight there are forty girls. Why in the name of common sense should these people be studying this subject anyway? Are we arithmetic mad? Will some one please attempt a justification of things as they are? If not, shall we not all join in repeating the words of the prayer book: "We have taught those things which we ought not to have taught, and have left untaught those things which we ought to have taught—namely, clear speech, good manner, refinement—and there is no health or sanity in us?"

Sympathy

The sympathy of the Journal is extended to all those teachers in a Western town who recently were attacked by sudden illness. The exact nature of the indisposition is not known, but the violence of the outbreak may be judged from the fact that about three out of four were unable to attend the annual convention which opened on the morning of December 15. Some teachers fortunately recovered from the attack in time to attend the afternoon session. It is reported that the School Board has, after investigation, discovered the cause of the disease, and that it has also found not only a remedy, but a sure preventive against further outbreaks.

THE UNAPPRECIATED TEACHER

Skilled labor is always in demand. The best men in any vocation, whether it be a trade or profession, are always sought for, and command the highest price. The world is usually a fair judge of a man's worth and his market value tells more closely than any words can tell how much he is worth to any individual or community who may be in need of services such as he can render. The man who is not "appreciated" is a scarce article. The teacher who year after year drudges through the so-called duties of school-room life and receives but condemnation and fault-

finding where he deserves praise is of doubtful existence. Could the scales fall from such a teacher's eyes, and could he see himself as others see him, he would probably find a more potent reason than any that has heretofore suggested itself to his mind for lack of success and appreciation. If you are in a poor position, do not content yourself by grumbling at fate and bemoaning your unlucky state, but manfully go to work and fit yourself for a higher standard in your profession. When you will have done this you will at once rise to your level, and the position that you deserve will be in waiting for you.

HARD TO PRONOUNCE

At the pronouncing contest, held in a Chicago church, the following sentences were given to contestants for pronunciation:

The root of the difficulty was a pile of soot allowed to accumulate on the roof.

The rise of the waters has injured the rice crop, and it may be expected the price will rise.

He had moved his goods to the depot, but his friends bade him not to be discouraged, as he would soon be acclimated if he would only stay.

He is an aspirant for Asiatic honors.

The disputants seemed to be conversant with the question, and, if not good financiers, they are, at least, familiar with the problem of finance.

The irrefragable evidence that he was the sole cause of the altercation indisputably fastened on him the responsibility for the irreparable damage.

His conduct was indicatory of the blatant blackguard, but his complaisant coadjutor, with his incomparable complacency, was even more dangerous.