

## BREVITIES.

[The distinction between questions asked in this department, and in "Queries," is that the former call for opinions and suggestions from pupils in future issues, the latter are answered by the Faculty of the Normal School.]

HAS any student or teacher, who may read these lines, successfully conducted in connection with his school a parents' society for co-operation with the teacher? If you have, the Editors would, no doubt, be pleased to publish an account of your experiences.—*J. F. S.*

THE following has been suggested as a good general rule for the guidance of those who are puzzled by the different pronunciations given to the same word by different lexicographers. If you can find *one* authority for that pronunciation which comes most naturally to you, let well enough alone and make no change.—*E. D.*

IT has been suggested as a means of making geography more practical and preventing it from being regarded as a mere subject on the school curriculum that pupils be exercised in describing and pointing out on the map, places mentioned in newspaper clippings.—*C. H. I.*

SPELLING! This carries us back, in memory, to when we stood on the floor twenty minutes for each misspelled word. Will some teachers mention methods which they have found successful in teaching spelling?—*B. W. E.*

TOO frequently, on taking charge of a school, the teacher finds that the pupils have been graded with very little regard to the requirements of the prescribed course. Members of Grade VIII are frequently only fit for Grade VI or Grade VII. How can this unfortunate state of affairs be prevented? What should the teacher do in such circumstances?—*M. E. S.*

Longfellow said: "The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well, without a thought of fame." Osborne said: "Success in life consists in the proper and harmonious development of those faculties which God has given us." Another writer says: "Success in life is simply a right result from all the factors at work in the days and years as we live them, instead of a wrong result." All of these eminent writers are substantially correct, but I would add that success depends upon earnest, enthusiastic work in some legitimate line from start to finish, with never a thought of failure.