

understood that I write, not for the sake of seeing my name in print, nor to provoke controversy, but simply at the request of the Inspector of Superior Schools, who, when visiting my school last November, told me I ought to get up a memoir for the *Record*. And as it is the part of all good pupils to obey, I am simply in the path of duty. Should you see fit to modify, curtail, amplify or consign to the shades of oblivion any or all of the matter I send for publication, you are at liberty to do so. Should any mistakes in regard to names, dates, etc., appear, I will be quite happy to make corrections.

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Sorel, January 22nd, 1887.

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## Books Received and Reviewed.

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OUR EXCHANGES: We have received the first two numbers of The *Swiss Cross*, a monthly magazine of the Agassiz Association, published in New York and London. The young naturalist will find this magazine all that can be desired. It is a marvel of cheapness. Specimen copies can be had by applying to the publisher N. D. Hodges, 47 Lafayette Place, New York. Dr. William Mowray, the able editor of *Education*, has launched a new enterprise under the title of *Common School Education*, a monthly magazine which is intended to be a kind of a complement to the high-class periodical, which has been so successful under his management. The new magazine should become a favourite with every primary school teacher on the continent. The *Educational Journal* of Virginia, which is edited by Mr. William F. Fox, is a bright periodical, ever welcome to our table. The *California Teacher* has been kind enough to notice the writing of one of the editors of the *RECORD*. This magazine is published in San Francisco, and is carefully edited with a view to the instruction of teachers on the Pacific slope. The *Shorthand Writer* is one of the best phonographic mediums we have seen. We have received a copy of the subscribers to the "Dominion Annual Register and Review," but the work itself has not been sent.

PRINCIPLES OF ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA by H. W. Keigwin, published by Ginn and Company, Boston. Many teachers will be glad to learn that Mr. Keigwin has written a book on Algebra, which is not too full. His little book is a pleasant and concise introduction to the subject, and is all that need be used in school on the subject, when the pupil is bright and the teacher willing to educate him by means of oral instruction. Mr. Keigwin wisely illustrates the principle that in Algebra, as in many other studies, the teacher is the text-book. Let us have a few more outlines like his.

THE NATIONAL QUESTION BOOK, compiled by Edward R. Shaw, Published by E. L. Kellogg and Co. New York. Such a volume as this does not