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Editorial Notes.

WE beg leave to repeat our request that Inspectors will kindly forward us programmes of conventions to be held in their inspectorates, at as early a date as possible?

It should have been mentioned in our last that the paper on "The Teachers' Duty by Negation," by Miss Watt, was read at the last meeting of the East Middlesex Teachers' Association.

AS THE period approaches for the election of school boards, it is to be hoped that the intelligent and public-spirited taxpayers of every district will seek out the best qualified men—and women—and elect them. If parents were properly alive to the highest welfare of their children they would take at least as much interest in the election of trustees as they do in that of any other municipal officers.

THE faculty of Cornell University have decided to dispense altogether with honors, and henceforth all mention of honors is to be eliminated from the register and from commencement programmes. This new departure will probably be soon followed by other institutions of high standing. The trend of advanced educational opinion seems now to be decidedly away from competitive work and examinations. Emulation as an incentive to study, will, it may be hoped, be gradually supplanted by better and more genuine motives, such as love of mental effort and thirst for knowledge. Probably appeal to the competitive spirit will still be necessary as a stepping stone, in schools of lower grade, but surely the young men and women in our universities should work from loftier motives.