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The first set of Drawing Papers to be prepared for the JOURNAL in accordance with the notice in our last number will appear in the issue for September 15th. All teachers who wish to join this Drawing Correspondence Class will please notify Mr. Burns by postal card, so that ample arrangements may be made. Address William Burns, M.C.P., F.L.S., High School, Brampton, Ont.

The Ohio *Educational Monthly* says that from the last report of the State School Commission it appears that more than seventeen thousand young people thought they knew enough to teach a common school and were mistaken, and intimates that the desire to teach school has become the curse of the youth of Ohio.

The attention of the Ontario Teachers' Association should be directed, amongst other things, to the great lack of uniformity in the results of the late entrance examination. The number of successful candidates ranged from eighty or ninety per cent. all the way down to zero. No one will suppose that there were such vast differences in the merits of the candidates in the different sections.

The Ontario Institution for the Blind, at Brantford, re-opens for its next session on the 1st of September. Such schools as this, and that for deaf mutes, are amongst the most noble and beneficent institutions of the day. They transform those whose lives must otherwise be burdensome to themselves and their friends into useful members of society. They thus not only enable them to support themselves by the practice of some industry, but increase a hundred fold their sources of comfort and happiness. Teachers all over the country may do a good work by keeping their eyes open to the case of these unfortunates, and making known to the friends of any with whom they may come in contact, the great advantage and blessing to be derived from attendance at these schools.

“To make this paper really valuable it must be intensely practical. It must come down to the real needs of the workers in the school-room. In that school-room there are serious difficulties. Some of these are the sauciness, the answering back, the defiant look, the scowling face, the slamming down of slates when offended, etc. How do you meet these troubles? Let us have the methods you have absolutely found successful, not what you think would be successful. Write them out and send them to us. Your name will not be published unless you wish.” We adopt the above from the columns of a contemporary. It expresses just what we ourselves desire of our patrons. Let us have your views and methods on all manner of practical work in the school-room. It will do you good to put them on record, and your experience may prove helpful to many.

Messrs. W. J. Gage & Co. are issuing a school edition of Christophe Colomb with Vocabulary and Notes by J. Squair, B.A., of University College. No pains have been spared to make the Vocabulary both accurate and comprehensive. It is also accompanied by brief etymological notes which explain, where possible, the derivation of every word occurring in the book. The Notes have been prepared to meet the wants of all, especially of those whose initial training in French has been defective, and who may be pursuing their studies without the aid of instructors. An effort has been made to elucidate every passage which seemed to present a difficulty. Great importance is attached to the explanation of grammatical structure, and numerous references are made to De Fivas' Grammar. The book will be ready by the First of September, and it is hoped it will meet with a favorable reception from the Teachers and Students of Ontario.

An American exchange complains that Public School teachers and College and Academic teachers draw the line of distinction very sharply, and do not care to mix with each other professionally more than is absolutely required. In many Eastern States they hold separate conventions. Is there not too much tendency in the same direction in Canada? True, some of