

tion west on the morning of May 28th, being about 25 degrees from the sun. The planet rises to the south of the sunrise point, and being about one-half illuminated, forms a very pretty object in the telescope.

An interesting phenomenon occurs on May 22nd at 1 o'clock p.m. This is an occultation of Venus by the moon, then two days old. This is rather early for seeing the moon in broad daylight, but those who have large telescopes may observe both planet and moon.

ONTARIO NORMAL COLLEGE, HAMILTON.

A petition to have the zoology taken off the pass science paper was unsuccessful. As zoology is always taught by the science specialists in the

schools, there seems very little reason for its being retained.

Sessional examinations were held before Easter in geography, psychology of number, grammar, drawing, physics, mathematics and Latin. The examination in drill is now going on, a few students being examined at a time.

The Literary Society are holding an oration, essay and poem contest on the last Friday of the month. Prizes have been offered for the best original poems and essays contributed by pupils of the school.

Mr. R. A. Thompson, B.A., is delivering a course of lectures on School Management. These consist chiefly of incidents from his own experience as a teacher and principal, and deal principally with the disciplinary duties of the teacher. These reminiscences would make useful and interesting reading for students and teachers, if published in book form.

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

The *Century Magazine* for April has an important series of articles on coal, the first being a Pennsylvania colliery village in which is given a vivid and realistic picture of the life of coal laborers. In the *Century's* American Artists series the wood engraver Charles Frederick Ulrich is given. There is also an interesting account of a bicyclist's adventures among the Alps, written by Mrs. Pennell. The article has the great advantage of being illustrated by Mr. Pennell. Mrs. Burton Harrison's *Good Americans* is safely finished, but the *Adventures of Francois* make that person, month by month, more real and living. In the verse will be found *Her Last Letter*, being a reply to "His Answer," by Bret Harte.

Almost anyone who reads and is puzzled by a newspaper will be grateful to the writer of an article on Dreyfus and Zola in the May *Atlantic*. There is so much behind the glib reports that one cannot be sure of, so many true stories that are obscured by many issues, that a voice of authority, belonging to someone who has examined anything original in the case, is a welcome one. There are two good, uncommonly good, short stories in this same number of the *Atlantic*; one is about a successful, one might almost speak of her as a veteran, actress, and it is called *Her Last Appearance*. There are a good many problems in it, amongst others, whether young people have a right or not to expect those who are older