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The Publishers of "School Work and Play" have decided to make a grand effort to interest all of the teachers, and all of their pupils, in this country, in the new Canadian paper for Canadian boys and girls. Its excellence is admitted on all hands; but, unfortunately, it cannot live on even the most sincere and friendly encomiums. Four thousand more subscribers are required to place it on a safe financial footing; and to the teachers and their pupil canvassers alone can the publishers look for the success of the enterprise.

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- 1.—*An extra copy for an order for 5.*
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Editorial Notes.

WITH this number commences Volume III. of the EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL. The success of the JOURNAL thus far has been equal to our most sanguine expectation, though it still falls far below our honest ambition. Now is a good time to subscribe. Will not the many friends who find the JOURNAL helpful and stimulating, recommend it to their friends? Sample copies will be sent free to any address on application.

THE University Federation Scheme is to be put into immediate operation, so far as a Government proclamation can effect this. Sir Daniel Wilson will, of course, be the first President of the University under the new arrangement. The friends of Victoria favorable to federation, think that University will be prepared to meet the conditions laid down by the Conference and enter the Federation in a few months. What the opponents of Victorian federation will have to say to this remains to be seen.

THE suggestion made by some newspaper correspondent that the High School and Collegiate Institute courses should be extended, or rather elevated, and that these institutions should be authorized to confer diplomas upon those passing suitable final examinations, said diplomas to be accepted by the Universities in lieu of their own matriculation examinations, seems an excellent one. The teachers of these schools are much better judges of the fitness of their students to enter upon University courses, than any University examiners can possibly be. Moreover, these diplomas would become, in themselves, objects of desire and ambition and their bestowal would give an additional stimulus to secondary education.

THIS week the publishers received a letter from one of our teacher friends, saying that he was tired of seeing the advertisement of "Practical Problems," and that they had better send him a copy. This is a summarizing of the legitimate results of all advertising; and if all of their friends will rebuke them in the same manner, the advertisement will be withdrawn in short order. Indeed, the only object in keeping it prominent is to secure for all the teachers in the country a copy of a book which will save them the trouble of taxing their brains for practical, interesting, and properly graded arithmetical problems for the first three forms. Send 25c. to GRIP Printing and Publishing Co., Toronto, and get a copy of these 700 problems, pre-paid.