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Editorial Notes.

READ "Examiner's" letter on the over-supply question. It suggests some pertinent inquiries.

MR. MILLAR'S paper on the "Action of Examinations" will also repay careful reading. Some of its suggestions are in the same line with "Examiner's" queries.

THE Grenville Teachers' Institute meets at Merrickville, on Thursday and Friday, February 16th and 17th. W. S. Cody is president; T. A. Craig, secretary. Inspector Tilley will attend.

THE West Middlesex Teachers' Association, Teenie Rose, president, M. A. Althouse, secretary, meets in the Front Street Methodist church, Strathroy, on Thursday and Friday, February 16th and 17th. Dr. McLellan will be in attendance.

THE Annual Convention of the Prince Edward's Teachers' Association will meet in Shire Hall, Picton, on Thursday and Friday, February 23rd and 24th. President, G. D. Platt, B.A.; Secretary, R. F. Greenlees. J. J. Tilley, Esq., will be the inspector in attendance.

THE Peel Association meets at Brampton, on the 1st and 2nd of March; that of West Victoria on same days, but we have not yet learned the name of town. J. J. Tilley, Esq., attends the former, and Dr. McLellan the latter. Other particulars not yet to hand.

IF the secretary or some other kind friend will send us a report of each of the above, he will be not only conferring a favor on us, but rendering a service to the profession. It is well in so doing to condense or omit routine proceedings, and to give, as far as possible, the cream of good papers and lessons presented, that all our readers may share the profit.

THE series of Teachers' Help Manuals now being published by the Supplement Co., Toronto and Boston, appear to be meeting with wonderful success. From those we have personally examined, as well as from what we know of the authors of others, we have no doubt they will be found valuable helps to teachers in their work. Send for a sample number and judge for yourselves.

WE are glad to be able to announce that Mr. C. Fessenden, B.A., of Napanee, will edit a

monthly "Science Department" in the JOURNAL. As the aim is to make this, like all other special departments, helpful to teachers in their school-room work, Mr. Fessenden will be glad to hear from teachers in regard to scientific subjects on which they would like to have articles in the JOURNAL.

PROFESSOR ASA GRAY, so well and widely known as the author of "Gray's Botany," died at Harvard week before last, at an advanced age. In his death the United States loses one of its most eminent students and teachers of science. In his own chosen department he had few equals and perhaps no superior, and his excellent manuals of botany have made his name familiar not only in schools and colleges, but in many a household.

A RECENT contributor to *Harper's* states that there are about forty ladies from the United States teaching in the Argentine Republic, and that their influence is widespread. There are two universities in which the professors are nearly all foreigners, chiefly Germans. The annual Government appropriation for the support of the public school is \$10.20 per pupil, while that in the United States is said to be but \$8.70; in Germany, \$9.00; and in England, \$9.10. Education is compulsory, and both schools and school-books are free. Other States of South America, especially Chili, are progressing almost as rapidly in educational matters.

IN another column amongst other "Hints to Teachers," is, "In conducting a recitation, as a rule, stand." How many of our readers are accustomed to do this? The majority probably sit. To many it will seem quite unimportant whether one sit or stand. We have not found it so. For reasons, largely physical or physiological no doubt, it is for most persons much easier to keep the mind at its highest activity in the standing posture. Notice how the politician or theologian springs to his feet as soon as he waxes warm in argument. Try it, teacher, of sedentary habit, and see if you cannot do more satisfactory work when you are standing as well as your pupils. If you wish to keep every faculty on the alert, stand.

FROM Inspector Dufort's report of the French schools in the counties of Prescott and Russell, presented to the House of Assembly, it appears that there are sixty-five of these schools in those two counties. Forty-three teachers and four assistants teach English reading and spelling, and in some cases the translation of English