

## NOTES FOR TEACHERS.

**THE SCHOOL'S IDEAL.** School is not only a preparation for the ideal life; it is itself an initiation into that life. For every good school has an ideal of its own, which determines its individuality, and permeates its life and its work. Such ideals, perhaps, more than anything else, unite the members of a school, and suggest the ideals of after life.—*Mary A. Woods.*

**WORTH CONSIDERING.**—A careless teacher can undo in a single month what it took another a year to accomplish. In this way there is much energy wasted, and the question is worth considering whether in graded schools it would not be better to let each teacher keep the same pupils several years and to advance with the class, thus giving a good teacher an opportunity to show what she can do and compelling the poor teacher to improve her methods, or, if utterly incompetent, to demonstrate her failure and seek a more congenial calling.—*Ohio Educational Monthly.*

**WHAT WE ARE.**—What we are fixes the limit of what we do. Our words and our acts are measured by our personality. Our teaching is conditioned on our characters, rather than on our knowledge. Indeed, as Professor Corson says, "Being is teaching, the highest, the only quickening mode of teaching; the only mode which secures that unconscious following of a superior spirit by an inferior spirit, of a kindled soul by an unkindled soul, "as the water follows the moon, silently, with fluid steps, around the globe."—*The Sunday School Times.*

**ALUMINUM MONEY.**—Sir Henry Bessemer suggests that instead of the proposed £1 note, aluminum coin of that denomination be made, redeemable on presentation. This coin

would be as acceptable as a printed promise to pay, while its durability and freedom from dirt that collects on paper, would make it popular. Aluminum may be slightly alloyed so as to harden and increase its durability, and at the same time raise its fusing point, and thus render the casting of it in plaster moulds by counterfeiters quite an impossibility.—*The School Journal.*

**EAST VICTORIA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.**—Two teachers' Institutes under the directions of the above association were held, the one at Bobcaygeon on Friday, Oct. 16th; the other at Kinmount on Friday, Oct. 21st. The attendance of teachers was good, and the subjects discussed interesting. Mr. S. McClelland, chairman of the school board, Bobcaygeon, presided at the evening entertainment in that village, and Mr. J. H. Knight, public school inspector, at all the other sessions. Mr. J. C. Brown, public school inspector for the county of Peterboro, attended all the meetings at Bobcaygeon, and at the morning session at Kinmount. Dr. Curry, public school inspector for the county of Haliburton attended at Kinmount during the afternoon. Several teachers from the counties of Peterborough and Haliburton were present. The evening entertainments were well attended. The following subjects were discussed. 1, What literature should be taught in the second class? 2. Public school examinations and exhibitions. 3. Pronunciation. 4. Uniform promotion examinations. 5. Relation of words. 6. Writing. 7. Circles on the terrestrial globe. 8. Fractions and compound rules.

[The Editor will be glad to receive condensed accounts of the proceedings at Teachers' Institutes and Conventions.]