

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE American Institute of Instruction holds its annual meeting for the present year on July 7-10, at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

THE new Southern Educational Association and Exposition of the United States meets at Morehead City, N.C., July 1-5.

WE direct the attention of our readers to the annual announcements of the Toronto Medical Schools—the Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto and Trinity Medical College—which appear in our advertising columns this month.

THE edition of Webster's Dictionary of 1847 has been reprinted by a Chicago house, copyright on it having expired by the lapse of forty-two years. This edition is practically worthless, and, as we are informed that attempts are being made to sell it in Canada, we caution our readers in regard to it.

THE *Globe*, Toronto, essays an answer to an article which appeared in our last issue upon the difficulty experienced by parents in getting their sons to learn a trade, if they are continued at school beyond a certain point in the course of study, or age. The subject is one to which our attention has been directed for several years, and it was simply quickened by the conversation of this father who spoke to us almost in the very words we gave last month. The parent is not an imaginary, though a representative one. We refer to the subject again to say that we think the writer in the *Globe* is only playing with a serious question, a question which is giving considerable anxiety to educators all over the English-speaking world. Please try again.

EXAMINATION FEES.

THE matter referred to by our correspondent, Mr. M. M. Fenwick, deserves the special attention of the profession. We think fees should be charged for the examinations of teachers, but instead of these fees so charged being kept by the Department, they should, without any diminution, be put into a pension fund for teachers.

The teachers in Great Britain and Ireland are very active in this respect; the teachers of Quebec have an admirable system of pensions, and the teachers in the United States of America are looking in the same direction.

Moreover, instead of the Government of Ontario appropriating the fees paid by candidates at these examinations, for the expense of conducting them and making an "honest" penny by the transaction, we hold that the Government should not only put the sum of these moneys into a fund for retiring allowances for teachers, but should also make an annual grant in aid of such fund. We again name Quebec for our Government to follow in this respect. It was an evil day for the highest interests of education when the pension system for teachers was abolished.

REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR 1889.

[Continued from May No.]

THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

THE net expenditure on the Normal and Provincial Model Schools for the training of Second Class teachers in 1889 was \$25,993. The amount which was contributed for the training of Third Class teachers in the County Model Schools was \$23,060—consisting of \$8,700 from