

learned from maps. Every teacher knows or ought to know what is implied in the power to draw a good map from memory.

Health in the House. By Catherine Buckton, London: Longmans & Co. \$1.50. We hope this work will freely find its way into our Canadian

homes, and willingly we would add, schools. (Not as a text-book.) Too many subjects are now untaught because we have text-books on them and because to cram from these text-books seems the easiest thing to do.

EDITOR'S DRAWER.

—Mr. Glashan gives in this No. solutions to all the Arithmetic questions at the recent County Board Examinations. It will be seen that a number of the answers, as given by the Central Board, were wrong, Mr. Glashan purposes giving solutions of the Algebra and Natural Philosophy questions, and also taking up the First and Second Class Grammar papers.

—We have received from J. R. Miller, Esq., of Goderich, copies of questions prepared by him for the West Huron Competitive Examination, and also the questions for the Examination at the Goderich Central Schools. Mr. Miller is one of the most earnest and diligent Inspectors in the Province, and the questions have evidently been prepared with great care.

—Subscribers remitting money to agents should inclose a stamp for prepayment of postage, or they may remit directly to this office, stating to whose club they belong.

—We would call special attention to the announcement of the Medical Department of Trinity College, Toronto, on outside page of cover. This College has been very successful, and occupies a deservedly high position.

—We are requested by Mr. Mills, M.P. to convey to the Inspectors who supported him in the recent election to the Council of Public Instruction, his sincere and hearty thanks for the high honor they have done him, and also to assure them that he will give his best energies to the interests of education, so far as the same come under the control of the Council.

—We are pleased to notice that Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Education, was elected

President of the Ontario Teachers' Association. It is a deserving tribute to his long career of unsparing devotion to the interests of education in this Province.

—The question of compulsory attendance at school is attracting considerable attention just now in the City of Toronto. From the report of Mr. Hughes, Inspector of the city schools, it appears that the attendance is exceedingly low as compared with the number of pupils registered, and that as a matter of course, but a fraction of the children of school age derive any benefit from the educational facilities afforded by the school authorities. This deplorable state of affairs is not confined alone to the City of Toronto. In rural districts the same negligence prevails, and a vigorous enforcement of the compulsory clauses of our School Act would have a very beneficial effect.

—It is expected that the summer vacations next year will be extended to six weeks instead of four, as prevails at present. If the summer holidays are extended we believe it would be prudent to curtail existing holidays somewhat. The Easter holidays might very well be abolished, and the schools might open on the 2nd of January instead of the 7th. This would be a compromise that would suit the profession, and at the same time subserve the interests of education.

—We have on hand a few extra copies of the August and September No.'s of the TEACHER, containing all the First, Second, and Third Class Examination papers, at the recent Examination, and will send a copy of each post paid to any address on receipt of 25 cents.