

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## TEACHERS' PENSION ACT.

To the Editor of the EDUCATIONAL RECORD :

DEAR SIR,—The stronger triumphs! "To him that hath shall be given and from her that hath not shall be taken away." Without giving us a chance to say "nay," which would at least have helped them to get on the windy side of of conscience and have served for defence against any indictment of injustice, by affirming that a feminine "no" means "yes," our masculine co-labourers have passed the Pension Act. Very well! 'Tis useless to comment on its disadvantages to ourselves, but we can, like skilful generals, turn defeat into victory, by opening upon the enemy the battery of our charms—they (school-masters and charms too, if you will) are desiderata now. If one married a clergyman, well, one might manage to exist after his demise on the small annuity granted his widow, with a Ladies' School as an auxiliary. If one's departed spouse had been a doctor, his patients, convalescent or escaped, would scarcely feel friendly enough to contribute to his widow's maintenance; whereas, if we were only the widows of "common" men, we should probably have only the memories of "better days" as a solace. But, Oh, think of it! if only Cupid and Hymen will be propitious and give us for our lord a *School-Master*, we can, after having deluged his grave with briny tears, return to our comforting homes, and continue sleek and well provided for—we and our fatherless children, though they should, like Gideon's, number three-score and ten. As long as female teachers wield the birch, which will be as long as the human race continues to increase, attention male teachers! You are in requisition! We'll pay our pension-fee most cheerfully—for our husbands. And mark you! Resistance will be useless. A woman matrimonially determined who can withstand? Then hurrah for a live *School-Master*! Age, no consideration, the longer he has taught the better!

Yours,

ONE ON THE MATRIMONIAL WAR-PATH  
FOR A SCHOOL-MASTER.

## AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the EDUCATIONAL RECORD.

DEAR SIR,—The *Illustrated Journal of Agriculture* for February last contained the text of a lecture on Meteorology, recently delivered in Frelighsburg, Quebec, by Mr. Arthur R. Jenner-Fust. The lecturer first announced that his subject belonged to the domain of science, and then, imagining, doubtless, that his hearers possessed much of that peculiar kind of conservatism usually ascribed to the farming community, endeavoured to conciliate them in the following words:—"Science is to many a word of vague