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## Editorial Notes.

THE Minister of Education has issued a circular calling for a conference of representatives from the Boards of Management of Free Libraries, and the Boards of Directors of Art Schools, throughout the Province, to meet in Toronto on the 4th inst. The object of the conference is to ascertain how far an amalgamation of these two classes of institutions can be practically advantageous, and how evening classes for artisans, mechanics and workmen can be best organized under the auspices of the amalgamated institutions.

WE have to plead guilty to carelessness in allowing two errors to creep into our "Answers" in "Question Drawer" of last issue. In enumerating the Great Powers of Europe, we confined our attention too literally to the continent proper, and omitted to mention Great Britain, an omission of some importance as our readers will, no doubt, admit. In naming the Executive Council of Ontario we should have given Hon. A. S. Hardy, instead of Hon. T. B. Pardee, as we inadvertently did, as Commissioner of Crown Lands. The latter resigned a few months since on account of illness and was succeeded by the former. In answering these questions, things we do not know we usually take pains to find out. It is the things we do know that get wrong sometimes. Moral—Editors and teachers should take care not to "know too many things that are not so," as one of the American sages has it.

*School Work and Play*, for June 7th, (No. 11), will appear early next week. It will be found fully equal to former numbers. Most of the Teachers of this country are now aware of the merits of this little paper; and the ten copies which have already been issued will be understood to have well established its character. The universal testimony is that it is a good paper for the children to have. Attention is called to the list of Premiums to be given for canvassing for this paper. Will teachers be kind enough to show this premium list to active children in their schools, and have them send for samples, with a view to working up the lists. Subscriptions run with the year, and back numbers can always be supplied. It will be admitted that the publishers are sparing no pains or reasonable expense to make this paper interesting and useful to the children. They ask the teachers to assist in this work.