

"malicious mischief." It is announced that a convention of all religions will assemble in Chicago in 1893, and surely such a conference is needed here, when a girl 14 years old can be degraded by imprisonment in a convict cell, for accidentally breaking a pane of glass at 57 South Halsted Street.

"Alas, for the rarity, of Christian charity,
Under the sun."

—The world's greatest cataract it seems is in Labrador. The interior of Labrador undoubtedly is the largest unexplored area on this continent. Up the Grand river, which empties into the Atlantic ocean at Hamilton inlet, are the Grand Falls, which, if everything is true about them that is reported, are the most stupendous falls in the world. They are only about 160 miles up the river, but only two white men have ever seen them. Mr. R. F. Holme, three years ago, went from England to visit the Grand Falls. He organized a little party to accompany him inland, and arrived within about fifty miles of the falls, when he was compelled to return on account of the failure of his provisions. The Labrador Indians say these falls are haunted, and they carefully avoid them, believing that they will die if they look upon them. The two white men who have seen them are Mr. Maclean who, as he was ascending the river in 1839, was stopped by the falls, and Mr. Kennedy, who over thirty years ago had charge of Hudson Bay post in Labrador. Mr. Holme says the height of the falls is not certainly known, but in some respects there is little doubt that they are the greatest in the world. Though inner Labrador is so inadequately known, we are aware that it is a vast tableland whose limits are quite clearly defined. In the south-east the descent from the tableland is quite sudden, and almost immediately after leaving the plateau a level is reached that is very little above that of the sea. The Grand Falls are the place where the Grand river tumbles over the edge of this tableland, and almost the whole of the great drop is affected in this one descent. Professor Hind gives the height of this plateau as 2,240 feet. It has been estimated that the region at the foot of the falls is only 200 feet above sea level, and that therefore the waters of Grand river have a perpendicular descent of about 2,000 feet.

Practical Hints and Examination Papers.

—Miss Mabel Ewing, of the Lowell Training School, gives the following hints about teaching writing in the elementary grades:—The materials are long, sharp pencils, and well ruled slates. When the child has gained sufficient control of his hand, let him use paper.