

Errors in spelling are happily not frequent, though there are to be found such instances as: 'Favoraly,' 'refrences,' 'advertisment.'

The best that can be said of more than one-half of these thirty letters is that they bear internal evidence of being original compositions not copied from any 'Polite Letter Writer.'

A clerk in a commercial house would be held incompetent and perhaps dismissed if he were to draft a letter for his employers as faulty as one-half of those above referred to.

I hasten to admit that doubtless these teachers had amassed such a knowledge of abstract facts as enabled them to pass satisfactory examinations, else they would not have obtained their diplomas, but, if from the point of view of practical results, the model school teachers of this province are open to the foregoing criticism, what, in the next place, is to be expected of the teachers of elementary schools, and, what, in the last place, is to be expected of the pupils themselves? Are the children to go on from day to day and year to year carrying an armful of text-books to school without at the end having learned how to write a presentable letter, or how to turn some portion of their accumulation of learning to practical account?

Will the teachers in convention discover what is to be done, and afterwards do it?

Lachine, Oct. 16, 1893.

A. G. CROSS.

To the Editor of the EDUCATIONAL RECORD.

DEAR SIR,—At the late meeting of the Teachers Convention in Montreal, there was not a little fuss about the specimens of school work, which had appeared at the World's Fair, professedly coming from the Protestant Schools of the Province of Quebec. Where there is smoke there is sure to be fire, though it is not always easy to say who has been burnt. Can you throw any light on the subject, Mr. Editor? Can you tell us how and when Messrs. Truell and McOnat came to know of the terrible disgrace that had fallen upon our Protestant Teachers? Was it before or after they came to Montreal to attend the Convention? And can they now tell us who it was that happened to be burnt? A MONTREAL TEACHER.

NOTE.—The figures of Grade III. Model in the Tabular Statement of last month should read 3 passed and 1 failed, for Freleighsburg School.

Books Received and Reviewed.

[All Exchanges and Books for Review should be sent direct to Dr. J. M. Harper, Box 305, Quebec, P.Q.]

We have been told that Sir William Dawson has a new work in the press, of which the Messrs. Drysdale are to be the Canadian publishers.

The work consists, in great part, of papers and discourses which have fallen out of print, or become difficult of access, and which have been revised and brought up to date for the purpose of re-publication. There is also much that is new; the whole treating of leading points in geological science in a popular manner, and with many remi-