

dens, maintaining their churches and building more ; that both among whites and blacks, in many localities, there has been a great improvement in morals ; and that in what pertains to the spiritual, intellectual, and physical well-being of the people, a very considerable advance has been made. There has been improvement in matters of a public nature. There are more and better roads ; more streams are bridged ; the railway is extended ; the telegraph is established ; there are more post-offices, with lower rates of postage ; markets are built where there were none ; hospitals are increased, causing medical assistance to be more accessible to the people. The population has not dwindled, as has been asserted. The 325,000 at emancipation, though diminished by cholera, are now 560,000.

Within the past four or five years a new era has been entered upon. A University scholarship, worth annually \$1,000, has been established, open to competition ; a high school also, gives the intelligent lad in an elementary school a chance to reach the top of the ladder. The Cambridge local examination has been introduced, and schools of secondary instruction are brought under its influence. More attention is given to the education of girls. The Wesleyans have established a girl's high school, and the Baptist one, of a lower grade and less expensive. A very important step in advance is the founding by government of a training-college for female teachers. The similar college for male teachers is to be enlarged. The other training institutions are submitting their students to government examination. All teachers can attend the examination, and those who pass receive an annual bonus of \$50 to \$75 in addition to their regular pay. Hundreds of volumes of educational works have been added to the public library in Kingston, many of these kindly donated by members of this association. Teachers' associations have been formed in most of the parishes, whereby the best works on education are circulated among the teachers, who also receive the *Journal of Education*, *American Teacher*, *CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL*, and periodicals from England. There is more public interest in education than ever before, and the legislative council is considering how to extend education to all the children in the Island.

(To be Continued.)

Examination Questions.

NORTH HASTINGS UNIFORM PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS.—MARCH, 1885.

THIRD READER.

ENTRANCE TO FOURTH CLASS.

- Write, in your own words, the story of Frederick the Great.
- Quote any three stanzas of "Somebody's Darling."
- Explain clearly the meaning of the following :—
 - Our bugles sang truce.
 - The pleasant fields traversed so oft.
 - The wolf-searing fagot.
 - Sobbed aloud in her fulness of heart.
 - Ah ! luckless speech and bootless boast.
 - It is not apathy.
 - In merry guise he spoke.
 - I am out of humanity's reach.
- Throughout Canada the news of the victory of Queenston Heights awakened universal joy and enthusiasm, second only to that with which the taking of Detroit was hailed ; but the joy and enthusiasm were damped by the sad tidings that he who had first taught Canada's sons the way to victory had given his life for her defence and slept in a soldier's grave with many of her best and bravest sons.
 - Explain the expressions in italics. (Values :—3,2,3,1,2.)
 - What is the exact position of Queenston Heights ?

- What other villages or towns are near ?
 - What person is referred to in the passage ?
 - Against whom was he fighting ?
 - How has his death been commemorated ?
 - State, very clearly, the cause which led to the War in 1812.
5. What extracts in the Third Reader were written by these authors :—Wolfe, Cowper, Thomas Campbell, Bryant, Addison, T. Moore.
6. Name one, or more, poetical extracts which are anonymous.
- Time—1½ hours.

COMPOSITION AND LANGUAGE.

ENTRANCE TO FOURTH CLASS.

- Write, in your own words, a story from the following hints :
A little mouse playing near a vat full of beer—careless—fell into liquor—asked a cat who looked over the edge to help him out. "I will, if you let me eat you when you get dry." Mouse agreed (give reasons for this). The cat put down her paw. The cat helped him out. The mouse sat quietly until he was nearly dry. He then popped into a hole near by. Soon the cat arose. The cat began to lick her jaws. She said to the mouse, "You are dry. She said come out and let me eat you." The mouse refused. The cat reminded him of his promise. "True," said the mouse, "I did promise, but I was in liquor then." Men do not always escape from promises made when they are in liquor as easily as did the mouse. State moral of story.
 - Give the pupils a piece of glass. Let them use, in examining it, their senses of sight, feeling, taste and smell, and then write a composition, consisting of several sentences, describing its manufacture, qualities and uses.
 - Write a letter to a friend in Jamaica, describing the county in which you live, its size, form, climate, rivers, lakes, principal places, productions and sports.
 - Express, in prose, in your own words, the thought of this passage :—
What doth the poor man's son inherit ?—
Stout muscles and a sinewy heart,
A hardy frame, a hardier spirit ;
King of two hands, he does his part
In every useful toil and art :—
A heritage, it seems to me,
A King might wish to hold in fee.
- Time—1½ hours.

ARITHMETIC.

ENTRANCE TO FOURTH CLASS

N. B.—Full work required.

- What is a Measure of a number, a Common Measure of two or more numbers and the Greatest Common Measure of two or more numbers ? Give all the measures of 48.
 - By how many inches do 3 acres 14 sq. rods 5 sq. yds. exceed 752 sq. yds. 5 sq. ft. 73 sq. in ?
 - From how many lbs. must 2 cwt. 75 lbs. be taken 8 times so as to leave a remainder which will contain 1 ton 200 lbs. 16 times ?
 - (a) What is the amount of the following bill : 17432 feet of lumber at \$11 per 1000 ft., 1654 feet of scantling at \$1.56 per 100 ft., 315 lbs. nails at \$4.50 per cwt. (b) If \$120 be given as part payment, how many lbs. of beef at \$9.50 per cwt. will pay the balance ?
 - If a turkey is worth 75 cents, and a goose 55 cents, how many of each can be obtained for a pile of cordwood 24 feet long, 6 ft. high, and 4 ft. wide, at \$2.60 per cord ?
 - Find the sum of the greatest and least of these fractions :— $\frac{5}{8}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{13}{16}$, $\frac{19}{24}$, $\frac{17}{2^3}$, and subtract this sum from the sum of the two least.
 - If a person owns seven-tenths of a farm of 120 acres and divides it into lots of 32 sq. rods each, find the value of the whole at \$219 a lot.
 - How many yards of carpet 2 ft. 6 inches wide will be required to cover a floor 18 ft. long and 15 feet wide.
- Time.—2 hours. Count 100 marks a full paper.

N. B.—The TEACHER will please note that FULL marks are to be given for CORRECT solutions only. For answers NEARLY correct (where the method is QUITE correct) from 10 per cent. to 50 per cent. may be given. In marking, neatness of arrangement, &c., should be taken into account.