

Canadian poet to take rank with the best of such. Mr. Roberts has again been fortunate in his printers and publishers.

The INTERSTATE PRIMER SUPPLEMENT by S. R. Winchell, and published by the Interstate Publishing Company, Boston and Chicago. We have spoken of the little monthly issues which the Interstate Company publish regularly. We have tested the effect they produce on young folks and can recommend to every parent in the country who is taking an interest in the education of their own children. This little book by Mr. Winchell comes opportunely as an assistant to primary school work, the aim of it being to supply a greater amount of reading than is to be found in the primers of this company, without the introduction of many new words.

Official Department.

Teachers' Institutes.—The answers to the Institute Questions of 1887 are in the hands of the lecturers at last year's institutes, and we hope to give the result in the next number of the RECORD. There has evidently been some mis-apprehension on the part of the members of the Institutes concerning the object of the questions submitted. Of the four hundred teachers who attended the Institutes last summer, only about seventy-five have sent in answers to the questions submitted. As certificates can be issued to those only who have sent in answers to the institute questions, the result is certainly not satisfactory. As this is the first point during an experience of four years, in which our Institutes have failed to produce satisfactory results, it is desirable that the exact cause of failure should be known, in order that it may be guarded against in future, even if we are not able to remedy the past. It is possible that the teachers, being engaged in the active duties of the school, found the time between the receipt of the questions in the RECORD and the first of December insufficient for the proper preparation of their answers. Moreover, teachers may have been under the impression that unless they were able to answer all the questions, it would be useless for them to attempt the papers at all. Any suggestions or explanations from the teachers, tending to clear up this difficulty (addressed to Rev. Mr. Rexford, Quebec), will be carefully considered.

Teachers' Institutes for 1888.—Arrangements are in progress for holding four institutes during the second and third weeks in