

"the free silver men electing their candidates." This of a truth indicates a fine state of affairs and a healthy and vigorous public opinion !.

—AT a recent meeting of the school board of a Massachusetts town, the rules were amended, so that the announcement of the marriage of a female teacher is to be considered equivalent to a resignation. The rule does not apply to married women who are already teachers, nor will it prevent the hiring of married women as teachers. The new rule really means that the teacher who marries must hand in her resignation, and the board may accept it or not, as circumstances may warrant.

—STILL another university has recognized the claims of the teaching profession to representation among the courses furnished attending students. Syracuse University has added a course of pedagogy to its curriculum.

—SPEAKING of the changes and developments that have taken place in the various human activities during Queen Victoria's long reign, a writer in the *Ladies' Home Journal* says: "Books, sixty years ago, were few in comparison with now. The public libraries of the United States, all put together, had only half a million volumes in 1837. This is less than the Boston Public Library contains to-day. Three of our American libraries have together more books than were in all the public libraries of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales when Victoria ascended the throne. Ignorance was general. Forty per cent. of the men and sixty-five per cent. of the women of Great Britain could not write their own names when Victoria became their Queen. The National education system was but three years old; its money grants amounted to only \$300,000. The United States now spends \$140,000,000 a year for teachers and superintendents of our public schools."

—THE principal of one of the schools in South Carolina complains that one great drawback to education is the ignorance of many commissioners and their neglect of the schools. They vie with each other in engaging the cheapest teachers, and one commissioner is quoted as saying that "he had teachers he could furnish for ten dollars a month, the teacher to pay his own board !" Even then, in some places, the teachers never receive their pay under a twelve month from the time the money is earned.