

Part II of Sweet's New English Grammar (Clarendon Press) is somewhat disappointing. Part I was issued six years previously and was an important addition to the literature of English Grammar. Part II deals with Syntax, and probably the sense of disappointment is partly due to the fact that there is a good deal of Syntax in the first 200 pages of Part I. Prof. Sweet is the only writer who has given sufficient attention to word-order, sentence stress and intonation in modern English, and this part of his book is stimulating and suggestive. His detailed treatment of the articles and of verb phrases is especially satisfactory. The two volumes form by all odds the best English Grammar available for collegiate and high school work.

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ENTRANCE TO COLLEGIATE INSTITUTES.

An Entrance Examination to the Collegiate Institutes of the Province shall be held by the Department of Education, along with the examination for teachers, in July of each year. Due notice of this examination shall be given to all Collegiate Institutes and Intermediate Schools, and diplomas shall be issued to those successful in this examination.

1. The examination shall cover the work of Grade VIII and preceding grades; Pupils from Rural Schools will be permitted to take the English prescribed for third class certificates instead of the English here prescribed.

ORAL READING.

SPELLING AND WRITING on all papers.

LITERATURE. The Fifth Reader (Victorian) from page 228 to end of book, with special reference to the following selections :

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| 1—The Vision of Sir Launfal. | 6—Tempest. |
| 2—Burial March of Dundee. | 7—The Great Carbuncle. |
| 3—The Skylark; Hogg, Wordsworth
and Shelley. | 8—The Battle of Lake Regillus. |
| 4—Cotter's Saturday Night. | 9—Perseus. |
| 5—Fight with a Dragon. | 10—From Dawn to Dawn in the Alps. |

2. At such examination candidates from the various Public Schools of the Province may present themselves as follows :

(a) Those pupils who present a certificate from the Principal of Grade VIII of having done successfully the work of such Department.

(b) Pupils from Country Schools who present a certificate of having attended a Public School in Standard V for six months preceding the examination.

3. Candidates who have not been attending the Public Schools of the Province may be admitted to the examination at the discretion of the Presiding Examiner, but all such shall be specially reported to the Department.

4. When at any time during the interval between Entrance Examinations it is considered desirable to admit a pupil provisionally until next examination, the Superintendent of City Schools, or the Inspector, and the Principal of the Collegiate Institute, shall at once report in detail upon the case to the Department of Education without whose approval no provisional admission may be made.

5. Holders of second and third class teachers' certificates may be admitted without examination to such place in the Collegiate Schools as their standing may justify.