

metal and comparing their length and weight with the official standards in use by the Bureau of Weights and Measures. These comparisons are made under the supervision of the president of the London Board of Trade, and several other officials appointed by the different branches of the Queen's Government.

Extremely delicate and elaborate apparatus for making these comparisons are used, and if the units in use by the bureau referred to have been changed, or deviate in the least from the standards with which they were compared twenty years before, they are immediately changed, so as to conform with the original bronze and platinum types. The ceremony of "comparing the standards" was last made in April, 1892. After the comparisons had been made and no variations detected they were again walled up with the understanding that they would not again be disturbed until April, 1912.

—Pestalozzi is no doubt the most important figure in the history of elementary education, and it is fitting that his personality, his aims and ideas, his work and influence should be closely studied. He could truly say to himself that he "turned the car of education quite around." The world owes him a great debt. The charming Prussian queen Louise was among the first to see this. She said (in 1808): "I am just reading Pestalozzi's '*Lienhard and Gertrude*.' I feel happy in the midst of this Swiss village. If I could do as I should like to, I would order my carriage and drive to Switzerland and to Pestalozzi, in order to warmly press the hand of that noble man and to thank him with tears in my eyes. How well he means it with mankind! Yes, in the name of mankind I thank him." She was a mother and knew the true worth of the educator.

Professor (describing ancient Greek theatre)—And it had no roof.

Junior (sure he had caught the Professor in a mistake)—What did they do, sir, when it rained?

Professor (taking off his glasses and pausing a moment)—They got wet, sir.

FIFTY YEARS OF WORK.—A man fifty years old has, according to a French statistician, worked 6,500 days, slept 6,000, amused himself 4,000, walked 12,000 miles, been ill 500 days, has partaken of 36,000 meals, eaten 16,000 pounds of meat and 4,000 pounds of fish, eggs and vegetables, and drank 7,000 gallons of fluid, which would make a lake of 800 feet surface of three feet deep.