

Question Drawer.

In which of Charles Reade's Works will be found the literature lesson, "The Lark at the Diggings." ENQUIRER.

Are there to be any Examination Papers for third and second-class certificates given in the JOURNAL. J. M., Strathroy.

STAMFORD, 14th March, 1885.

I wish to promote a class to the fourth form on April 1st next, and wish to secure the new readers for their use. (1) Are the new readers in the markets, if not, (2) when will they be? (3) Will we be allowed to use the present series (old) longer than the end of the present year? Yours truly, A. W. Heaslip.

Answers to Correspondents.

J. M. STRATHROY.—We expect to publish from time to time Examination papers on the subjects required for II and III Class certificates. Next issue will contain a paper on "The Lady of the Lake," a portion of the literature required. This will be followed by others, on other portions of the work.

ENQUIRER.—In "Never too Late to Mend."

A. W. HEASLIP, Stamford.—Answer next week.

Teachers' Associations.

TORONTO.—The First Semi-Annual Meeting of this Association for 1885, was held on Friday, and Saturday, the 27th and 28th of February, in the Sunday School Building of the Caledon Street Methodist Church. The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. Samuel McAllister. The Roll of teachers was called—about 200 responded. The Minutes of the last Semi-Annual Meeting were read and adopted. The President read recommendations made by the teachers of the various grades of the Public Schools, at their meetings during the month of October, 1884, on the following subjects: *Learning, Department, Home-Exercises, Opening and Closing Exercises, Posture etc., in Reading, Writing, Studies, Arithmetic, Miscellaneous*. Miss S. L. Taylor, read a very interesting paper on how to teach a Language Lesson to a class of young pupils. "How to teach Music to Junior Classes" was the subject of an extremely interesting and able address by Miss A. McIntyre. Saturday, the 28th. The Association resumed at 9 o'clock with a larger attendance than on the day previous. The President in the chair. The Treasurer Mr. R. McCausland read his report which showed a balance of \$126.90 exclusive of Gov. Grant, to the credit of the Association. A Drawing Lesson was given by Mr. J. H. McFaul, P.N.S. The Rev. Septimus Jones M.A., delivered an interesting lecture on "Public School Education."

The Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. J. L. Hughes; Vice-President, Mr. A. F. McDonald; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. A. Hendry; Management Committee—Mr. Samuel McAllister, Miss J. S. Arthurs, Mr. W. J. Hendry, Miss L. Bailie, Mr. R. W. Doane; Mr. McAllister the referring chairman, was presented with a hearty vote of thanks for his services as President during the last two years. Mr. R. McCausland the Secretary, was tendered a hearty vote of thanks and presented with \$25 as a token of the respect in which he was held for faithful and efficient services as Secretary of the Association during the past 20 years. On Motion Mr. McCausland was elected an honorary Member of the Association.

The following Committee was appointed to prepare the course of study on derivation of words for the grades taking that study. Mr. McAllister, Mr. Lewis, Miss Keown, Miss Buik, Mr. Stevens, Mr. W. J. Hendry, Miss Kennedy, Mr. R. W. Doon, Mr. Campbell, Mr. L. J. Clark, Miss Cameron and Mr. Powell.

The Fourth Annual Conversation of the Association was held on Friday, the 6th of March at 8 o'clock p.m., in the Normal School Building, and was throughout a most enjoyable affair. The attendance though large was not uncomfortably. In the absence of the Minister of Education, Mr. Rodden, Chairman of the School Board, did the honors of the chair. When such popular favorites as Mrs. Corbett Thompson, Miss B. Bryman, and Miss Gansher, and Messrs. J. F. Thompson, Hurst, Gorrie and Theodore Martens, supported by an admirable Orchestra were the performers, it can easily be understood how varied and excellent was the musical part of the entertainment. An interesting episode

which was not on the programme was the presentation of a handsome gold watch and chain to Mr. J. L. Hughes, the Inspector, by Mr. S. McAllister, in the name of the teachers of Toronto; Mr. McAllister briefly referred to the great services which Mr. Hughes had rendered to the progress of education in the city, and the cordial relations which had always existed between him and the teachers. Mr. Hughes made a suitable reply, thanking the teachers for their gift, which he assured them he would always prize very highly both for its own sake and for theirs. By far the most successful year's work of the Association was then brought to a close.

Literary Review.

METHODS OF TEACHING, including the Nature, Object, and Laws of Education, Methods of Instruction and Methods of Culture, by Albert N. Raub, Ph. D., Principal of the Central State Normal School, Lock Haven, Pa., and author of "Lessons in English," "Practical English Grammar," "Tests in Spelling and Pronunciation," "Studies in English and American Literature," "School Management," etc. E. L. Raub & Co., Lock Haven, Pa.

This comprehensive work deals fully with Methods of Instruction in Language, Mathematics, Physical Science and the Arts, as well as in Methods of Culture. We shall, if opportunity offers, give our readers some examples of his views and methods which will help them to estimate the value of the work much better than any mere expression of opinion by us.

THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ANNUAL for 1884, contains a carefully arranged list of all Newspaper and Periodicals in the United States and Canada with the size, circulation, advertising rates, etc. It also gives the location, county-seat and population of every county in the United States, and has an alphabetical list of the cities, towns and villages of the United States, having a population of five thousand and upward. Invaluable as a book of reference for general advertisers, and all others requiring full and detailed statistics of the kind indicated. A. W. Ayer & Son, Philadelphia, Pa.

The *Library Magazine*, for March, John B. Alden, 333 Pearl Street New York, Publisher. Contains "A word more about America," by Matthew Arnold, "Imperial Federation," by W. E. Forster, M.P., and other articles by prominent writers in the leading magazines.

Aristophanes Clouds, Edited on the Basis of Kock's edition by M. W. Humphreys, Professor in the University of Texas. Boston, published by Ginn, Heath & Co., 1855.

This work forms one of the college series of Greek Authors edited under the supervision of Professor John Williams White, of Harvard University, and Professor Thomas D. Seymour, of Yale College. The text is well printed and the annotations, drawn largely from Deuffel and other German Commentators are copious. The introduction which is an almost literal translation of Kock's is full and scholarly, and an appendix on Metres and Rhythms supplies everything necessary for the young students of Greek Drama.

Our thanks are due to the Chief Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick, for the REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS OF NEW BRUNSWICK for 1884. Some interesting items drawn from this source will be found in Educational News and Notes in this issue, and others will appear from time to time.

A Chicago man who called upon a musical friend the other evening at supper-time was warmly welcomed, as they had a party, and they were just going to have a sonata. He said he thought he smelled it as he came over.—*Exchange*.

A physician was driving along the street when his horse took fright and ran away. He was thrown violently to the sidewalk and knocked senseless. Presently he recovered a little from his unconsciousness and noticing the crowd which had gathered about him, remarked: "What's the matter, gentlemen? Anybody hurt? I'm Dr. B. Can I be of any service?"

The spot where William Tell stood when he shot the apple—or where he would have stood if he had existed and been able and willing to shoot, and had a son to support the fruit—is marked by a large white statue, representing William in the act of drawing his bow. The site of the tree under which the boy stood is adorned with a monument 60 feet high, with curious paintings on the sides.