

to promote the sale of among the teachers within their jurisdiction. This circular, as our readers know, it became our duty to comment upon, as it had been sent us, as we stated, by an indignant Inspector who was incensed at being called upon, not only to violate the Regulations of the Department, but to lend himself, for the consideration of 100 per cent. profit, to further its introduction among the teachers over whom he had influence. To be caught red-handed in the work of prostituting the educational machinery of the Province to the purposes of the pocket was enough, of course, to make the house concerned in the affair thoroughly ashamed of itself. The shame, however, that ought to have suffused the countenance of its chief representative, if it is capable of taking on an honest, manly blush at all, was speedily exchanged for that of rankling passion, which soon found voice, not at the frailties and shortcomings of its owner, but at the writer who had, with imprudent hardihood, convicted the firm of its wrong-doing. Thus is it that we have been aspersed and been made the victim of the firm's vituperation. Of course, when a publishing firm whom you convict of questionable practices has no defence but to get angry, and when the volume of anger in some degree corresponds to the force and deftness of the blow which it sustains and *feels*, the retort is rarely likely to be a tribute of the firm's fidelity to facts. In the present case this is apparent, for the firm endeavours to pose, and to take credit for posing, in the light of an aggrieved and long-suffering creditor of a house in which the present writer was a partner, but which owed nothing to the firm of Gage & Co. but what that house, with questionable honesty and characteristic sharpness, by despoiling others, devised a way for it to pay. With this circumstance recalled to the recollection of the firm in question, it might be well for it to abstain in the future from any effusive manifestation of concern for its "business integrity," and in its assaults upon the editor of this magazine to keep some measure with truth until that murrain falls upon him which the firm, no doubt, considerably prays may

be the condign fate of all critics and censors of the house. Until then, let us assure it that no cowardly traducing and threatening, nor any unclean and untruthful vituperation, will divert us from the faithful performance of the duty which our readers and the profession at large, in a journal such as this, expect at the hands of the owners and conductors of the CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY.

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WE have received notification of conventions to be held of the following County Teachers' Associations during the month of May, viz.: Wentworth, at Hamilton, on the 6th and 7th; North Wellington, at Drayton, on the 19th and 20th; and Durham, at Port Hope, on the 27th and 28th. The semi-annual meeting of the Frontenac association is announced to meet at Kingston, on the 28th and 29th April.

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WE would call attention to the announcement in our advertising pages of a Teacher's Class in Book-keeping, Penmanship and Phonography, to be held during the summer vacation at the Canada Business College, Hamilton. Mr. R. E. Gallagher is the Principal, to whom applications should be made.

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TEACHERS who are interested in the Kindergarten system of education will be pleased to get hold of an instructive and entertaining geographical puzzle, consisting of dissected maps of the Dominion and the Province of Ontario, which have been prepared for school and nursery use by the editor of this magazine. See advertisement elsewhere.

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THE Canada Publishing Co., Toronto, have just issued editions of Cicero pro Archia, with notes and a vocabulary, by A. L. Parker, B.A., of Collingwood, and of Schiller's Select Ballads, with notes, by A. Mueller, Berlin, two handy Canadian texts for students of the Latin and German languages, which we hope to notice critically in our next.