

more of our readers will try the scuffle which was at one time a challenge question among the schoolmasters of Ireland, when to be able 'to do the scuffle' and 'to turn Gough' was something to boast of.

#### YOUNG TEACHERS' QUERIES.

5. A child five years old begins attending a public school; on what should his first lessons be? A. JOHNSON.

6. My pupils find it very irksome to learn the tables of weights and measures, and when they are learned do not know how to use them except by imitation of examples and reasoning somewhat thus: 'Because I did so and so in that table, I'll do the like in this.' How shall I teach these tables? J. GRAYMAN.

#### CURIOSITIES.

Answer to No. 2. 30 ft., 56 ft., and 82 ft.

3. Give the general rule for solving such problems as No. 16 of Problems and Queries; apply it to, Six men start together from the same point to travel in the same direction, in a circuit, at the rates of 3 and 2-15ths, 3 and 5-21ths, 3 and 12-35ths,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , 3 and 57-70ths, 4 and 1-42th miles per hour respectively; after how many rounds, and where will they all meet again? Also apply your rule to the problem of the hour and minute hands of a watch, Sangster's Algebra, Ex. XXXIII, No. 26. If the ratio of the rates of travel in a circuit, of A and B, is as the square root of 3 to that of 2, show by your rule that they will never meet a second time at the same point.

#### EDITOR'S DRAWER.

THOSE CHARGES.—The Editor of the *St. Catharines News*, in a recent issue, has thrown down the gauntlet in reference to the charges against the Council of Public Instruction and other parties, to which we referred in our April number. We are quite content to leave the matter in abeyance until we are in possession of more information, which, we understand, is forthcoming.

—We observe that at the next examination of Teachers, Second Class Female Candidates are required to undergo an examination in the First Book of Euclid, instead of Domestic Economy, as heretofore. This alteration in the Examination Course was made by the Council of Public Instruction in May last, and announced to the public in June. We decidedly object to this hasty action, for we can call it nothing else, as being unfair to all Female Candi-

dates for Second Class Certificates. It evidently places them at a considerable disadvantage, inasmuch as no Candidate preparing for the Board could be sufficiently prepared on such short notice, to undergo examination with any probability of success.

CREDITABLE.—One Inspector has just finished a club of fifty one subscribers for the *TEACHER*. He says he believes at least half the teachers in Ontario would subscribe for it, if Inspectors would bring it under their notice during their visits. Many other Inspectors have also done nobly for us, and we have no doubt others who have as yet done nothing will feel that they are aiding the cause of education by speaking a good word for the *TEACHER* during their school visits, and at meetings of Teachers' Associations.