

use their influence for God effectively, must, statistics tell us, be converted before they become involved in the business of life. The experience of the ages tells us that God does answer prayer, and I am sure that if an annual day of prayer was appointed, say by the Ministerial Association, prayer would ascend from many earnest hearts, even though schools and colleges did not observe the day by formal meetings.

Special prayer might at this time be made that God would raise up an earnest Christian principal for McGill, whose influence would be all for righteousness.

IN EARNEST.

Books Received and Reviewed.

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The *Scientific American* is a paper which no progressive household with boys in it can be without. It is a perennial report of the engineering progress of the times. The *Magazine and Book Reference* issued by the New York Society of Pedagogy is specially prepared in the interests of the teaching profession. The *University Extension World* should be read by every student who seeks help in the process of self-teaching. *Current History* is sustaining its reputation as a teacher's compendium of the world's events. Report of *Los Angeles Public Library* has been received. *Education* for January is one of the best that has been issued. *The Strike at Shanes*, as a sequel to *Black Beauty*, recommends itself to every member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; the report of the American Humane Society, which accompanies it, should be widely spread. The January number of the *Presbyterian College Journal* sustains the character of its predecessor. *The Kindergarten News* improves with every issue; the February number must have a good effect among our kindergartens. *The Student* comes all the way from Portland, Oregon, and is highly creditable to its editress and publisher. *The Magazine of Poetry* has issued a syllabus for a series of prize poems. With the October number it completed its fifth year of publication.

PROGRESSIVE FRENCH READER, edited by Messrs. Curtis and Gregor, and published by Messrs. Drysdale & Co., Montreal, as a sequel to their former work, cannot but meet with commendation from those engaged in the teaching of the French language. We believe that the compilation will be of the greatest service in making the study of French more and more interesting to the English youth of our country.

THE ELEMENTS OF SOLID GEOMETRY, by Dr. Arthur Latham Baker, of Rochester University, and published by the Messrs. Ginn & Co., Boston. The main object of this volume has been to unify the subject and to improve its notation. The diagrams are an