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## Editorial Notes.

PLEASE read the "Business Notices" issued by the publishers, page 316.

TEACHERS will please observe that the second order for the twenty premium books were forwarded to New York on February 19th.

MR. PATTERSON'S remarks, in another column, on the difficulties which mathematical masters in the High Schools now find in connection with their classes in Euclid are worthy of attention. We should be glad to publish the opinions of other masters in regard to the matter, and the remedies suggested.

*Practical Problems in Arithmetic* is now ready for delivery. It is a work most cordially recommended by practical educationists. It will furnish every teacher in the first, second, and third forms with all the arithmetical problems he requires—about 700—well arranged and graded for the respective classes. It is a coming book for these forms. Why should a teacher waste his time and wits in devising arithmetical questions, when for so small a sum he may have a book containing a supply for all time and all purposes? Send 25 cents to Grip Printing and Publishing Co., 28 Front street west, Toronto, and get the book by return mail.

THE suggestion of a correspondent that every school-house should have a national flag to display on occasion is a very good one, provided a right use is made of the flag. Such a use as that suggested in the contest between juvenile loyalists and Americans we do not think a good one. It is not too much to say that the national characteristics of the coming men depend largely upon the teachings and influences of the school-room to-day. By all means let the school-boys learn to be loyal to their country, but let them also be taught that they should, above all, be loyal to the right, and that the first care of every true patriot should be to have his country always in the right. It is time that the old idea of patriotism, to hate foreigners and fight for one's country "right or wrong," should give way to a nobler ideal.

MANY of our readers will have been deeply grieved by the sad news of the death of Professor Young of the University of Toronto, which

comes to us just as we are preparing for the press. Full particulars are not yet to hand, but from what we have learned it appears that the venerable Professor was smitten with paralysis shortly after returning from a lecture to one of his classes a few days since, and never rallied from the shock. The deceased was about seventy years of age. We need not say to our readers, many of whom have, no doubt, heard Professor Young on the platform, or sat under his lectures in University College, that a man of noble character and extraordinary ability has passed away. Few, indeed, are more universally respected and beloved within the circle of their acquaintance, and still fewer have the rare power of profound thought and of impressing that thought upon others, by which he was so eminently characterized. His death will leave a blank in the University staff which it will be very hard, if not impossible, to fill completely.

THE subscribers to *School Work and Play* are this week supplied with No. 5, for first Friday in March. It is certainly safe to say that the paper grows in interest and value. No. 5 is well illustrated. It has a beautiful frontispiece, "Watching the Birds," with a nice description; the second illustrated article on Silver Mining in Canada, by Mr. Arthur Harvey; a column of short stories, on various subjects, written by little ones in Toronto public schools; "A Boy's Jaunt through Europe," a very entertaining illustrated letter of travel, written by a boy to a friend; short and spicy Editorial column; contributions in prize essay, puzzle and drawing contests, in "Field of Fame;" a pretty poem on our Canadian History, by Mr. W. H. Higgins; two capital stories in the Story department; the Little Ones' page,—very good; and first-class contributions in "Puzzlewitz," and the funny column. A paper like this, 8 pages, issued semi-monthly, at 50 cents a year, is a marvel of interest and cheapness; and we are glad to say the teachers of Canada are gradually realizing that a first-class boys' and girls' paper is now published at home. A great deal of effort must yet be put forth, however, in the formation of school clubs, before it stands on safe ground. Will not the teachers give it this position? It is for them to say whether it shall succeed. Back numbers, from Jan. 1, can always be supplied. Samples, with circular, will gladly be forwarded to those who have not seen them; and No. 5 will be sent to all who ask for it. Please say you are a teacher. Address the publishers, Grip Printing and Publishing Co., 28 Front street west, Toronto.