

And they seemed for a moment obeying the call,
 But darkness descending made everything dim,
 The bell he was touching seemed tolling for him,
 The crowd gathered round him in fun'ral array,
 And then he seemed borne to the cold house of clay.
 The crowd soon dispersed and was busy again,
 In seeking for pleasure or suffering pain;
 The Schoolmaster wept that the world was the same,
 Though he had been labouring it to reclaim;
 When, lo! a bright visitor came from the sky,
 Whose radiance and beauty quite dazzled his eye,
 He held in his hand a long gold-tinted scroll,
 Held high in the air and began to unroll.
 The Schoolmaster gazed and beheld there his name,
 Inscribed on the scroll in a silv'ry flame:
 Beneath and around it, the truths he had taught,
 All, all were inscribed, not one was forgot;
 They shone with a lustre far brighter than day,
 So bright that the darkness soon vanished away.
 And then he beheld them all blend into one,
 Whose radiance was brighter than even the sun,
 But this seemed all lost in the glorious blaze
 That shone all around from the Ancient of Days.
 The stranger then spoke and the sound of his word
 Surpassed the best music that ever was heard.
 "My friend" said the stranger, thy labours are blest,"
 "For thou hast been faithful now enter thy rest,"
 "The sun has arisen, the banner's unfurled,"
 "And truth shall soon triumph all over the world."
 The stranger then vanished and with him the dream,
 The Schoolmaster wakened again on life's stream,
 With courage renewed by the vision revealed,
 Determined with vigour to work in the field.

W. H. FINNEY.

KENDAL, ONT., November 1867.

2. NEW EDUCATIONAL TOYS.

The ingenuity of France and England has recently fabricated several little scientific playthings which are sold at wonderfully cheap prices, and should replace the hobby-horses, carts dirt pies and dolls which the present grown up generation were lovingly familiar with in their salad days. A microscope "warranted" to magnify several thousand times, is sold in London for half a crown, and toy steamers, and locomotives, exact copies of the larger "originals" and well finished are decidedly cheap at "£10s to £5." The youth of the present and future generations will soon be in a position to follow "the royal road to learning." It will shortly be able to study the mysteries of steam and engineering in the nursery, and eat the rudiments of science with a pap-spoon.

VI. Educational Intelligence.

— **TEACHERS' MEETING, WESTON.**—Minutes of the proceedings of the Teachers' meeting, held in the Village of Weston, on Saturday the 28th September, 1867. The meeting was duly organized by electing James Duncan, Esq., Chairman; H. M. Treadgold, Secretary. The Chairman, after briefly explaining the object of the meeting, called upon William Watson, Esq., Local Superintendent of Schools, (York), who delivered an address which evinced great study and thought. He dwelt particularly upon the duties and responsibilities of the Teacher, incidentally pointing out some of the essential qualities of a good Teacher. James Hodson, Esq., Principal Weston Grammar School, was next introduced. His address partook more of the practical cast, urging particularly upon Teachers the necessity of developing moral culture, in connection with scientific acquirements. The speaker frequently illustrated his remarks with incidents from personal experience. It was then moved by W. Watson, Esq., seconded by Jas. Hodson, Esq.—That we do now form ourselves into an association, to be known as the Teachers' Association for the West Riding of York.—Carried. The following gentlemen were then elected office-bearers for the present term, viz.: Jas. Hodson, Principal Weston Grammar School, President; Wm. Watson, Local Superintendent, York, 1st Vice-President; Rev. Jas. Brooks, Local Superintendent, Etobicoke, 2nd Vice-President; Geo. Treadgold, Esq., 3rd Vice President; John Campbell, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer. Managing committee,—Messrs. Wm. Burgess, M. Treadgold, Wm. Rose, John Agar, and Levi Clark. Resolved 1st—That the President, 1st Vice President, and Secretary, be a committee to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws for the

government of the Association, and report at the next meeting of the society.—Carried. The President was then appointed by the association to introduce and take charge of the following subject at the next meeting viz: "The best means of securing the attention of the Pupil in School." Resolved 2nd—That this meeting adjourn until the first Saturday in March, 1868, to meet in the same place at 10 o'clock A.M.—Carried. M. Treadgold, Secretary, *pro tem*.

We are requested to insert the following notice:

The Teachers of the West Riding of York and vicinity, please take notice that the next meeting of the Teachers' Association for the West Riding of York, will take place in the Common School House, Weston, on the first Saturday in March, 1868, at 10 o'clock A.M. Teachers and friends of education are respectfully invited to attend.

— **ALBERT COLLEGE.**—The President writes: During the term just closing we have had eighty-four students, one third of whom, as appears above, are in the Recitation Honor Class. These Honor Classes are the summary of our daily records in recitation, and are distinct from our University Honors, which are conferred upon University students, and only upon the possession of a certain extra course of study and the attainment of a certain standing in it. The Preceptress of the past term retires at our present closing. Her place will be filled by Mrs. M. A. Smith, a lady of several years' experience in a similar position at Belleville, Jefferson Co., N.Y. The music classes will be under the tuition of Mr. C. E. Reynolds, of Toronto, a gentleman deservedly popular as a musician. The Ornamental branches will be taught by the Preceptress. The Exhibitions—Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week—seemed to please the public even in a greater degree than their predecessors of former terms. They were given altogether by students of the Preparatory and Academic Departments, not taking in any candidates for matriculation or any of the undergraduates, leaving those grades of students for the public exercises preceding the Easter vacation and the University Convocation at close of year.—*C. C. Advocate*.

VII. Departmental Notices.

REVISED LIST OF TEXT BOOKS.

(Sanctioned by the Council of Public Instruction for use in the Grammar Schools of Ontario.)

NOTE.—In the following list some books are *prescribed* under the authority of the fifteenth section of the Consolidated Grammar School Act, and others are *recommended*. The use of the books *recommended* is discretionary with the respective Boards of Trustees.

The list given below of books under the heads I, II, III, viz: Latin, Greek, Ancient History, Classical Geography, and Antiquities, will, from the present date, be enforced, in accordance with the notice to that effect published in the *Journal* for December 1866.

With respect to the books under the heads IV, V, VI, VII, a similar notice is now given, which will be strictly observed, viz.: that during the year 1868, the books already sanctioned by the Council may continue in use, as circumstances require, but on and after January 7th, 1869, the new list will be enforced.

I. LATIN.

TEXT BOOKS PRESCRIBED:

Harkness's New Series, viz.:

1. An Introductory Latin Book. By Albert Harkness, Ph. D.
2. A Latin Reader, intended as a Companion to the Author's Latin Grammar. By Albert Harkness, Ph. D.
3. A Latin Grammar for Schools and Colleges. By Albert Harkness, Ph. D.

If preferred, the following may be used instead of the above series:

Arnold's First and Second Latin Book and Practical Grammar, revised and corrected. By J. A. Spencer, D.D.

A Smaller Grammar of the Latin Language. By William Smith, LL.D.

LATIN DICTIONARY RECOMMENDED: (See note above.)

A Latin-English and English-Latin Dictionary. By Charles Anthon, LL.D.

or

The Young Scholar's Latin-English and English-Latin Dictionary. By Joseph Esmond Riddle, M.A.