

of the fulness of their knowledge, and in which everything is done with an eye to the "honesty that is the best policy." It is a foolish thing also for any teacher or deputy-examiner to criticise the questions in presence of the pupils before the examination is over. A nervous teacher, who is fond of frowning at the originality of certain questions, is sure to make his pupils nervous. There is but one legitimate criticism in such cases, and the query which helps the teacher to it refers to the scope. "Is the question within the scope," should always be asked as a preliminary in such cases. To accuse the examiners or examination papers of unfairness simply because a pupil fails to take as high a standing as the teacher expected, is the height of folly, and all the more so since the experienced examiners who have charge of these examinations never miss, it is said, giving the pupil the benefit of the doubt. In speaking of these examinations, it may be said that the improvement in the work done is simply marvellous, and those who would say that the process of testing the schools in this way is a pernicious one, would do well to examine the results before stereotyping their opinion.

—FOR the information of our readers, we give here the substance of a circular issued in connection with the approaching meeting of the National Educational Association.

The annual meeting of the National Educational Association of America will be held this year in Buffalo, from July the 7th to July 11th. The teachers of the continent are, as far as has been heard from, delighted with the selection of Buffalo; while the teachers of the Dominion of Canada are satisfied that no better place could be selected for their convenience. Situated at the foot of the great lakes and in the immediate vicinity of Niagara Falls, Buffalo is easily approached by boat as well as by rail. Its railroad facilities, embracing 26 terminal lines, are greater than those of any other city on the continent, Chicago alone excepted. No city is increasing more rapidly in population and commercial prosperity than Buffalo. It has nearly 350,000 people, fine schools and churches, a residence section that is almost unequalled for beauty and attractiveness, and more miles of paved streets, so agreeable for driving and bicycling, than any other city in the world. Niagara Falls are not far away. Chatauqua is near at hand, while the most interesting excursions have been arranged for in