

ent points of view from which the career of Webster may be regarded, will be seen by comparing what Dr. Hudson has to say with the following comment upon his celebrated 7th of March speech: "Bluntly but truthfully put," writes the *New York Nation*, "his last public act was that of a political gambler, whose ambition to be President, long insensibly wasting his moral fibre, at last sapped the professional conscience of the 'Expounder of the Constitution,' and led him to give his sanction to an act not more shocking to the humanity of the New North, than it was objectionable to any one who judged it from a purely legal and constitutional standpoint. We may be surprised and grieved that so great a man could 'give himself away;' but the motive was sufficient, and our history is full of instances of self-abasement and mortification caused by the Presidential mania." Dr. Hudson on the other hand challenges "anybody to prove, that Webster ever did anything wrong, or anything mean, that he ever swerved a hair from his honest convictions of duty, in order to gain the office of President; and in reference to the 7th of March speech writes: "I have read that speech a great many times, and I do not know of a single word in it that I would have otherwise than it is. I think it every way just such a speech as should have been made at that time by a great man, who had a great Union to save, and a great civil war to avert."

The *Sight Test* published by Messrs Ginn, Heath & Co. will be found a valuable addition to the apparatus of our Public Schools. "Near-sight (Myopia)," run the Directions printed upon the back of the Sight Test, "is never present at birth, but is always acquired. It generally begins during the earlier years of school-life, and steadily increases. If treated when it first appears it can ordinarily be arrested, sometimes entirely removed." However this may be, it is certainly desirable that the sight of children should be periodically tested and that precautions should be taken in individual cases to prevent the evil from being aggravated. The card before us gives a series of lines printed in different types, the highest of which should be read by a healthy normal eye at five metres (16 feet 3 inches).

RECENT EVENTS.

The Annual Convention.—The nineteenth Annual Convention of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers of the Province of Québec will be held in Sherbrooke during the first week of July. The Executive Committee will be glad to receive from Teachers and others interested in education any suggestions, which, may promote the success of the Convention and enhance its usefulness. Besides the usual reduction on the railway lines and at the hotels, it is proposed to organize cheap trips from Sherbrooke to different places of interest, and particularly to Saratoga, to allow all