

through the weary labour of collecting his own statistics of disease from a hundred different sources, like the Israelites searching for the stubble wherewith to make their bricks. He comes exhausted from this mechanical and never-ending routine work to that part of his task which demands his entire capacity and should receive the full benefit of his intellect. Is it to be wondered at that the results of his investigation are not what we should expect?

It is in the power of every Government to keep such sanitary records as will enable students to arrange and systematize those great laws of health and disease, of weather, of climate, and of vitality, which at present are only guessed at empirically.

In time it will, we hope, be a matter of friendly rivalry between the countries of the world, which shall best preserve these monuments of Life and Death.

How small and uninteresting such a table of statistics appears when taken by itself, and when viewed by the uninitiated! But what a world of facts, social, moral and political, it unfolds to the careful analyser! The germ of nations, the seeds of the decay of kingly races, are written in its dry, speechless columns:

What would we not give for a week's bill of health of Thebes under the greatest of its Pharaohs? of Imperial Rome, thickly clustered round the palaces of the worst of its Cæsars? We cannot hope to look on these, but we *can* provide the means by which so keen a regret may be spared posterity, as far as concerns our own country and our own era.

LIBRARY CALENDAR for 1880. Toronto:
Hart & Rawlinson.

This a calendar of a unique pattern. It

consists of 366 slips of paper fastened loosely over one another; each has the name of the month, the name of the day, and the date appropriate to its position in the pile. When one is done with, it can be easily removed, and the one for the next day appears. The whole is attached to a very handsome card, printed in gold and colours.

We know of no better way our readers could spend twenty-five cents than by sending it to Messrs. Hart & Rawlinson, for one of these useful articles to decorate their school-rooms. The numbers on the slips are large enough to be seen from any part of an ordinary sized school-room. Not the least interesting feature is the quotation printed on each slip. We give one or two as specimens to shew that they have not been selected by the publishers at random.

"Make the same use of a book that a bee does of a flower, it steals sweets from it, but does not injure it."

"A man may write at any time if he will set himself doggedly to it."

"Books are the masters that teach without scolding, and chastise without stripes."

"God be thanked for books. They are the voices of the distant and the dead, and make us heirs of the spiritual life of past ages."

Should any teacher be at a loss for a sentence for grammatical analysis in the less advanced classes, he has one here ready at hand, which, while serving for an exercise, will contain, as every exercise for analysis should contain, something worth remembering.

The loop to hang the calendar by is hardly strong enough for school-room usage, but this can be easily remedied by the teacher.