

# CHAT WITH OUR READERS.

FEBRUARY, 1886.

WE had a very excellent biographical sketch of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe in type for this number. Her portrait—a full page engraving—was to appear as frontispiece. When making up the pages we received the following telegram from our engravers:—

"PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb 8, 1886.

"Burned out. Plates and copy destroyed by fire.

"CROSSCUT & WEST COMPANY."

The loss to us is considerable. The portrait was by Mr. Knowles, the popular artist who prepared our portraits of Edison, Twain, Longfellow and others, and was copied from a recent photograph, which we had some trouble to secure. We shall endeavor to have another engraving of Mrs. Stowe made, and in the meantime will keep the biographical sketch in type.

DID you get a *circular* announcement in this number of the SUPPLEMENT? Have you read it? If not, take it up and read both sides carefully. Bear in mind the fact that the SUPPLEMENT is still *two dollars* a year. We have only one reason for making this very liberal offer at this time, and teachers, pupils and parents who read our programme for 1886 will have one *good* reason for not allowing it to slip.

THE sale of the two books "Short Stories" and "Heads and Faces" during the past month has been greater than during any previous month. Those who wish to secure the most interesting portraits, biographical sketches, games and puzzles, and short stories, which have appeared in early numbers of the SUPPLE-

MENT, should buy the one, and those who want a copy of the most popular book on Phrenology and Physiognomy yet published, should secure the other. Prices, 30 cents and 50 cents respectively; both books for 70 cents.

READERS will please note that with the issue of this number we withdraw all previously announced special offers, combination offers, and premium offers.

WE trust that the writer of the following letter will excuse us for publishing it in its entirety. We give it as a sample of hundreds of letters which we receive:

"BALTIMORE, MD., Jan. 8, 1886.

"EDITORS SUPPLEMENT,—

"Gentlemen, Enclosed please find two dollars (\$2) for one year's subscription to your admirable magazine, the HOME AND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT, said subscription to date from January, 1886. In a few words would express my admiration of your magazine—an admiration shared by the entire faculty of the school of which I am teacher; we think it deserves highest praise; congratulate ourselves upon the prospects of its regular visits; anticipate both entertainment and instruction from the perusal of its pages, and know the anticipation will be fully realized. This opinion we have formed after careful and rigid scrutiny, and critical examination of all the *good things* contained in the SUPPLEMENT for the past four months. We hope the life of the SUPPLEMENT will be long, and that it will ever possess the many excellent qualities which now make it such a pleasant and useful companion—an acquisition to any home or school. If at any time we can increase its circulation, we will most cheerfully do so.

"Very respectfully,

"LAURA A. EDWARDS,

"Representing the Faculty of F. P. S. No. 21,

"Penn. Ave. and Roberts St."

W. R. COOK, Guelph, Ont., in renewing his subscription, says of the SUPPLEMENT: "It affords me pleasure to testify to the value of your magazine. It contains many excellent features noticeably wanting in other school journals."