

cently been received by the Royal Geographical Society in London and at the request of the Society gave an interesting account of his ascent, on Oct. 6th, 1889, of Mount Kibo—19,700 feet—which is probably the highest peak in Africa. Ice and volcanic ashes cover the peak. It is one of the peaks of Mt. Kilima Njaro and

was discovered in 1848 by Mr. Rebman, an English Church missionary. The announcement of a missionary's finding a snow-capped mountain at the equator was considered ridiculous by the *Athenæum*, but Mr. Rebman meekly replied, "I was brought up in Switzerland, and I ought to know a snow-clad peak when I see one."

PUBLIC OPINION.

OUTRAGEOUS.—At a meeting of the Spalding School Board it was proposed by one of the members that a time book for all the teachers should be kept by the caretaker, to be taken away at 9.10 a.m. each morning and be laid before the Board monthly. The proposal was denounced by the majority of the members as an insult to the teachers, and the chairman indignantly described it as outrageous. We are glad to say that the offensive motion was lost.—*English Exchange*.

MERITGRIOUS PUPILS AND POPULAR TEACHERS.—The principals of the public schools of Cincinnati, in their monthly session, unanimously passed the following resolution:—"That the publishing in the newspapers of the names of meritorious pupils of our schools, and the soliciting of and publishing the names of teachers and principals, and votes concerning their popularity, are not conducive to the best interests of the pupils, nor to the dignity and standing of our teachers."

NOT WILDLY ANXIOUS.—Americans desirous of the territorial aggrandizement of the United States by the annexation of Canada will no doubt consider Sir Charles Dilke's opinion of the insignificance of the annexation party in the Dominion to be a one-sided British judgment. While it is not impossible that he has under-

estimated the current of tendency towards political union, there can be no doubt that the strength of that current is greatly over-estimated by those who dwell south of the frontier. Canada is not, in all likelihood, wildly anxious to fall into our arms, and probably the soundest political opinion upon our side shrinks also from the union of the two lands.—*The Critic*, (N.Y.)

NO IDEA.—A significant statement as to the effect of the purely secular teaching which has been established in the public elementary schools of Victoria is made by a correspondent of the *Christian World*, who appears to be well acquainted with the facts. He says: "There is a very large population growing up without a knowledge of the Bible, with no idea of a supreme moral Ruler of the universe, and with no motive for virtue beyond expediency." The *Christian World* is one of the strongest advocates for a universal system of undenominational schools in this country.—*The School Guardian*.

OVER PRESSURE.—The devotees of education often declare that it is practically impossible to press pupils too hard, they defending themselves when needful by an inner determination not to learn. This is probably true of English public schools, where the tone is really set by a rich class,