

WHAT OTHERS SAY.—We are sorry that we have not space to print more of the letters we have received. We will, however, give a few extracts from some of them. One says, "We have a kind teacher who works unceasingly to advance in education, and also to teach us to be honest, diligent, truthful, trustworthy and good." We think we can reflect the sentiments of this boy's teacher by saying that it is a pleasure to work hard in a school where pupils are attentive and can appreciate kindness shown by the teacher. Another says, "We have enjoyments every day, but the days we enjoy most are when our teacher reads us such amusing and interesting sketches from the COMPANION AND TEACHER." That teacher is sensible, for "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Jack soon learns to like his school and teacher if they are made attractive to him. Lucy says, "There is nothing so amusing as a frolic with a few merry companions around the cheerful fireside. It is very pleasing to listen to the jokes which now and again burst forth from some lively member of the company." Very true, Lucy; in youth you enjoy the happiest days; age brings care and sorrow to all. Peter is a jolly fellow, and would make you crack the ceiling with your laughter if he could only drop in among you at your "cheerful fireside." He says, "I like our teacher splendid, but there are some girls I like better still. He favors the girls like fun, so I guess he likes them too. I would like if you would favor me with some of your prizes. I have never seen much, but I think if I write to you a few times I can take the first prize like fun. I have a pretty big head, and have just begun to know a little about people and things. We have engaged a new teacher for next year, and they tell me he is soft and tries to please everybody, but cannot please anybody. Now I think I will close my letter, and if I get a prize I will subscribe for the COMPANION AND TEACHER." There is more truth than fiction in some of Peter's remarks.

PRIZES AWARDED.—Very few of those who sent us lists of words for the "word-hunt" have written us a letter this month; so we are compelled to rule them out of the competition. Janie E. Brebner, Sarnia, takes the first prize and two chromos; Malcolm C. Dewar, Komoka, second prize and one chromo, and to Sarah McBean, London, and Jane Thompson, Craigvale, we give third prize and a crayon to each. There are many others whose lists are worthy of a prize, and we intended to have named these; but as all, no doubt, did as well as they could, we will not discriminate between them and discourage the younger ones who did so well.

Carrie T. Palmer, Ravenswood, is entitled to the prize for the best-written letter, and will receive the COMPANION AND TEACHER during 1877 as such. The teacher at Ravenswood deserves notice at our hands as being very successful in teaching the pupils in the art of letter-writing. All the letters we have received from that school are meritorious.

The prizes awarded as above have been mailed to the several competitors, from whom we hope to hear again.

PRIZES OFFERED.—To the boy or girl, under 16, who sends us the best answers to the puzzles, &c., given in January, February and March Nos., we will give the COMPANION AND TEACHER one year,

with premium chromo. Second prize, a chromo; third prize, a crayon.

The same prizes are offered to the boy or girl, under 13 and over 10; also the same prizes are offered to the boy or girl under 10, who sends us the best answers to the same puzzles, &c.

TO OUR YOUNG FRIENDS.

In the first place we wish you a "Happy New Year." In the next place, we wish you to "improve the passing hours for time is on the wing, and one way in which you can do that is to compete for the prizes we offer in this department. You will see that we intend to give every one a chance in future, as we offer prizes to three classes. In March we will ask you to write us a letter again. In February we will give you some more puzzle to solve. Now those who write to us every month will stand the best chance to obtain prizes. If you answer only one puzzle, send it in, and perhaps you can do better next time. Always state your age, name and address. The answers to puzzles in this number must reach us before February 15th and will be published in the March number. Now try our puzzles in "Our Nut Corner" below. Only one is at all difficult. They are all easier than they appear to be. Here they are:

Our Nut Corner.

- (1.) FOUR DIAMONDS CONNECTED IN THE FORM OF A SQUARE.

First Diamond—1, Part of a boy. 2, What metal comes from. 3, What we use daily. Part of the head. 5, Present in death.

Second Diamond—1, Present in life. 2, period of time. 3, Grows on trees, 4, A beverage. Centrals connected: a foreign fruit.

Third Diamond—1, Part of a fly. 2, Skill. Sold in fruit stores. 4, A metal. 5, Part of this.

Fourth Diamond—1, Found in the ocean. Made of Metal. 3, An article of food. 4, A kind of trap. 5, Found in the sea.

Centrals connected. Something children like. W. E. WESTLAKE

- (2.) ARITHMETICAL PUZZLE.

One-third of a guinea, one-fourth of a shilling and one-fifth of a penny, added together correct will make ten dollars. How?

W. E. WESTLAKE

- (3.) AN EASY PUZZLE.

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Find the answer to this

and send us your name.

- (4.) HIDDEN COUNTRIES.

Tom Bruce and Joe Peeler started out one afternoon to have some fun. They saw a grey ford a stream, but compelled it to halt on the beyond by shooting it. As it was dirty they shot it to a well and washed it. They were then at a loss to know whether to go and get some brai stuff it, or skin it, and, after shooting some