

England's celebrated king, Alfred the Great. A memorial service is to be held in his honor in many parts of the Anglo-Saxon world, among others at his burial place in Winchester, where a monument is to be erected to his memory.

—Mrs. A. M. Hughes, wife of Inspector J. L. Hughes, of Toronto, was elected president of the Ontario Educational Association. It is the first time that a woman has been appointed to this office.

The thirty-ninth annual meeting of this association was signalized by a most interesting and able discussion of the question of the relation of the school to the Bible. Other subjects discussed were manual training, spelling reform, local nature observations for the Province, etc.

Practical Hints and Examination Papers.

COMPETITION EXERCISE.

WE have thought it wise to vary the exercise for competition this month. Pupils are required to re-write the following extract, putting synonyms for as many words as possible. The spirit and intention of the author must be preserved :

As I grew up, came into the world, and observed the actions of men, I thought I met with many, very many, who gave too much for what they received.

When I saw one too ambitious to court favor, sacrificing his time in attendance on levees, his repose, his liberty and perhaps his friends to attain it, I have said to myself, "This man is paying too much for his whistle".

When I saw another fond of popularity constantly employing himself in political bustles, neglecting his own affairs and ruining them by that neglect, "He pays, indeed", said I, "too much for his whistle".

If I knew a miser who gave up any kind of a comfortable living, all the pleasure of doing good to others, all the esteem of his fellow citizens and the joys of benevolent friendship for the sake of accumulating wealth, "Poor man", said I, "you pay too much for your whistle".

When I met with a man of pleasure sacrificing every laudable improvement of the mind or of his fortune to mere corporal sensations, and ruining his health in their pursuit,