

can say two twos another way? Two and two are four (perhaps). Teacher—If I had two cents in one hand and two cents in the other how many cents would I have in both hands? Teacher—Sarah, please take four beans, and give Mary two beans, how many beans have you now? Give Sarah what you have; how many did you give her? How many has she now? Find something else in four. Facts in four,  $4 \div 2 = 2$ ; two 2's = 4;  $4 - 2 = 2$ ;  $3 + 1 = 4$ ;  $4 - 3 = 1$ ;  $4 - 1 = 3$ ;  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 4 = 2. The facts,  $4 \div 2$  (twos in four) and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 4 are identical in the minds of many teachers. Children will never confuse these two decidedly different operations, if the teacher does not. They probably know

one half of four. Teacher—Give me one half of four blocks; give me the other half; how many halves have I now?

GIVE pupils a great many little problems and have them make problems for themselves. Teacher—Who has a question, or who will be the teacher? For reviews.—Show me all you can do with four books. Tell me what you have done. What can you do with four squares? Be very careful about the language. Do not force new and unintelligible idioms upon them. You may use the new terms and idioms yourself, but allow the pupil to tell what he does in his own way.—*Exchange*.

## CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

ADVANCE copies of a new text-book on Geography, compiled by Mr. W. C. Campbell, and published by Mr. C. Blackett Robinson, are probably already in the hands of many of our readers. Great attention has been paid to the maps, illustrations and typography; a special feature in regard to the map of Canada being the careful marking of the height above sea-level of the various lakes, etc. Scholars and teachers will find the book worthy of their earnest consideration.

### OUR EXCHANGES.

Canada has reason to be proud of such denominational papers as the *Christian Guardian*, the *Canada Presbyterian*, the *Canadian Baptist*, the *Churchman*, and the *Canada Methodist Magazine*. The *Presbyterian Review*, too, is now added to the list, while no doubt the *Queen's College Journal*, the *Knox College Monthly* and the *V. P. Journal*, are training editors and contributors for the "Guardians" and "Churchmen" of another generation. May "the mantle" fall on broad shoulders.

WORDS of appreciation and praise are hardly necessary in speaking of the *Sunday School Times*, of Philadelphia. The editorial page often contains helpful and inspiring thoughts.

THE *New England Journal of Education* (Boston) is worthy of that cultured city and will compare favourably with any of its contemporaries.

OUR esteemed contemporary, the *School Journal* (New York) is now in its fifteenth year. We take the liberty of complimenting the editor on the good sound common sense and right feeling which is shown in the notes on the first page.

THE *Index*. An independent educational journal which pays much attention to current literature.

THE *School Herald* (Chicago). Intended to be used as a summary of general news and events of special importance to the teachers of the United States.

AMERICAN *Journal of Education* (St. Louis). A patriotic teachers' paper, with a formidable array of editors, which offers several premiums to its subscribers.