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Editorial Notes.

PLEASE read the "Business Notices" issued by the publishers, page 300.

MR. L. O. STEELE, late teacher in the Parkdale Model School, has been appointed Inspector of Public Schools for the North Riding of the County of Norfolk.

TEACHERS will please observe that the second order for the twenty premium books will be forwarded to New York on Tuesday next. Those who desire to take advantage of the clubbing offer should write at once.

THE National Education Association of the United States, is to hold its annual meeting at Nashville, Tennessee, in July next. The President, Albert P. Marble, of Worcester, Mass., has already issued a preliminary programme of the General Sessions, in which the names of many prominent American educators appear.

PROF. HOLDEN, of Lick Observatory, says the astronomical season at Mt. Hamilton has been a great success. Since the middle of July careful observations have been made of Mars, over forty careful drawings having been made. These drawings show at least twenty of the principal "canals" spoken of by Schiaparelli, but no one of them was seen doubled.

MR. W. H. HARRISON, of Chicago, has undertaken to teach classes in the pronunciation of the English language. The peculiarity of his enterprise is that it is not to foreign-born students, but to native Americans, he offers his services. The implication is that the average American does not know how to pronounce his own mother-tongue, an implication which Mr. Harrison avers to be abundantly proved by the result of the tests to which he submits those who come to him for instruction.

THE question of salary is, naturally enough, a living one with teachers, and it would not be wonderful if some of them in their impatience and indignation should fall into the mistake of advocating measures which would be objectionable, as interfering with the liberty of others. That something may be done by combination and something by legislation to diminish the evil complained of is highly probable, but to compel teachers to become members of a society

or institute, such as "S. G. B." proposes, would be an arbitrary interference with personal freedom that would hardly be tolerated in Canada. Raising the standard of qualification on the one hand, and voluntary organization to increase the *esprit-de-corps* of the profession on the other, are probably the best means available under the circumstances.

Practical Problems in Arithmetic is now ready for delivery. It is a work most cordially recommended by practical educationists. It will furnish every teacher in the first, second, and third forms with all the arithmetical problems he requires—about 700—well arranged and graded for the respective classes. It is a coming book for these forms. Why should a teacher waste his time and wits in devising arithmetical questions, when for so small a sum he may have a book containing a supply for all time and all purposes? It will be sent, post-paid, for only 25 cents; or, for 30 cents, the publishers will send this little book and Grip's Comic Almanac together.

No. 4 of *School Work and Play* has made its appearance. The paper grows in interest with each number; and the flattering congratulations which the publishers have received, from teachers and other friends of the young, are certainly sufficient to encourage them to persevere. Many thousands more orders, however, will have to be received before the enterprise may be pronounced solid; and it will rest with the teachers, to whom the publishers have so candidly appealed, to say whether a paper of this kind, for Canadian boys and girls, shall be heartily sustained. Very many have done what they could in making up school clubs; but from large numbers of others the publishers are still waiting to hear. They will be glad to send No. 4 to any teacher desiring to see it for clubbing purposes. All of the departments are well sustained; and there is a fine contribution of great interest to boys and girls, from the President of the University of Toronto. Teachers need not fear to take an interest in this paper, for it will certainly be made as entertaining and instructive as possible to the pupils, and of as much assistance as such a publication may be, in the ordinary line of school work. It would certainly be a desirable thing for such a paper, encouraging children to cultivate the better class of reading, and providing instructive and improving methods of competition, to have a large circulation in every school in the country. Attention is drawn to the advertisement of *School Work and Play* on page 13 of this paper.