

It was a study in minute topography. The great natural roads of Britain were shown to converge on the general position of London. The more minute features determined that precisely on the present spot should be located the road-centre which had to be somewhere in the neighbourhood. London was shown to be a bridge-place, a branching place of roads, a place of transshipment, both from water to land, and from salt-water to fresh; hence commercially and strategically important, hence convenient as an administrative centre.

The history of France was then gone into, so far as was necessary to show that the Alps and the Pyrenees are physical boundaries which have asserted themselves, despite distribution of races.

The last example was taken from the history of discovery. The North-West Passage was treated of, in order to exhibit the development of geographical ideas, and so give clearness to what is otherwise a mass of details. Incidentally, it was shown that local names can speak with historical meaning.—*The Educational Times.*

NOTES FOR TEACHERS.

TEACHING is a life-long learning of how to deal with human minds.—*Edward Thring.*

THE National Educational Association, U.S.A., will hold its meeting for 1890 at St. Paul, Minn., July 4th to 11th.

THE first portion of the Edward Thring Memorial has been inaugurated, the western addition to the school chapel having been opened by the Bishop of Peterborough. The new portion will contain a marble statue of the late headmaster, by Mr. Thos. Brock, A.R.A.

NORTH SIMCOE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The following officers were elected, viz.: President, Geo. McKee; Vice-President, Geo. Sneath; Sec.-Treas., Geo. Henderson; Committee of Management, Misses E. Lee, Overend and King, Messrs. Palk and Ward; Delegates to Provincial Association, Inspector's Section, J. C. Morgan; High School Section, J. M. Hunter, M.A.; Alternative, A. Hay; Public School Section, J. Rogers; Alternatives, L. H. Luck, A. Merrill; Auditors, Messrs. Young and Merrill.

PERHAPS the next age will be the Aluminium Age. If it could only be produced more cheaply, it is thought that aluminum would at once replace steel for many purposes. The recent great reduction in price, made possible by improved methods of production, will doubtless lead to its adoption, to the exclusion of other metals, in the manufacture of transits, compasses, field and opera glasses, hand levels, etc. The fact that it takes a beautiful finish, has a low specific gravity, is easily worked, and is practically non-corrosive, make it the ideal metal for such purposes.

ST. ANDREW'S UNIVERSITY.—Intelligence has been received in St. Andrew's that a munificent legacy of £100,000 has been bequeathed to the University of St. Andrew's. Mr. David Berry, of Coolangatta, one of the oldest Australian colonists, died in September last. Mr. Berry was a native of Cupar-Fife, and, along with his two brothers, went to Australia in 1836, and through his great business capacity became one of the wealthiest men in the colonies. He was blessed with an iron constitution, was remarkable for his height as well as for his