

From Messrs Harper Bros., New York, we are in receipt of a new revised edition of a favourite work, "English Synonyms explained in alphabetical order, with copious illustrations and examples, drawn from the best writers," by George Crabbe, M.A. The new edition is enriched with an ample index, and is otherwise largely improved. From the author, issued by the same house, we have an admirable treatise on gymnastics and muscular training, entitled "How to get strong and how to stay so," by William Blaikie, New York. Having closed our review department for the month, we can only acknowledge the receipt of the work here, and meantime warmly recommend it to our readers as an eminently practical manual on physical exercise and drill, which ought to be in the hands of all trainers of youth.

WE are in receipt, from the Government Printer, of the annual report of the Ontario Institution for the Education of the Blind, at Brantford. Its contents are mainly made up of the elaborate report of the Principal, Mr. J. Howard Hunter, M.A., whose hearty and intelligent labours in behalf of the Institution and its afflicted inmates are worthy of all praise. The portion of the report dealing with the appliances for the literary, musical, and industrial instruction of the pupils is exceedingly interesting, and calls for one's active sympathies in Principal Hunter's humane work.

From the author, the Rev. Principal McVicar, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, we are in receipt of an Elementary School Manual, entitled, "A Primary Arithmetic" (Montreal: Dawson Brothers), which possesses many of the simple attractive features of the American text-books on arithmetic for young pupils, somewhat upon the plan of the Kindergarten object-lesson books. The author, we understand, is preparing for early publication a more advanced text-book on the same subject.

EDUCATIONAL JOTTINGS.

THE Annual Convention of the Ontario Teachers' Association is announced to meet

in the Normal School Buildings, Toronto, on the 12th of August, and the programme of proceedings augurs well for an interesting meeting. From the latter we learn that, after the President's address, the following papers will be read, viz.: by Mr. McHenry, of Cobourg, "The Higher Education of Women;" by Dr. M. J. Kelly, of Brantford, "Uniform Examinations for Promotion in Public Schools;" by Prof. Young, "The order of development of the faculties in relation to Education;" by Mr. Inspector Brown, of Peterboro', "Physical Education in School;" by Mr. Inspector Hughes, "Is Compulsory Uniformity in Text Books desirable?" to conclude with a lecture by Principal McVicar, of Montreal. In the Public School Section, the following papers will be discussed: "The Utility of Teachers' Associations," "Model School Work," "Recent School Legislation," "Phonic Reading," and "Educational Journals." The Board of Directors of the Association express the hope that local associations will be well represented by delegates at the Convention.

THE Annual Meeting of the Education Society of Eastern Ontario is announced to be held in the Normal School, Ottawa, on the 30th July next, when its proceedings will be opened with the President's Inaugural Address. The following papers are announced to be brought before the meeting, viz.: "Entrance Examinations and High Schools," by Mr. Inspector Glashan; "The Position of the Model School in our Educational System," by Messrs. A. C. Osborne and W. E. Sprague; "Intermediate Examinations and High Schools," by Mr. P. C. McGregor, B.A., Almonte; "Theory of Education as effected by modern advances in knowledge," by Rev. Mr. May; "Music in Schools," by Mr. W. S. Workman; "Influence of Teachers in Training on Model School Pupils," by Mr. W. J. Summerby; "Science in High Schools," by Mr. A. P. Coleman, B.A., Cobourg; "Influence of Model Schools," by Mr. Inspector Steele, etc. The evening lectures will be delivered as