

that the figure 629 is contained in the larger one no less than 1,400,300 times. Allowing three deductions a minute and twelve hours' work a day, it would take over 500 days to do what had been given the girls as a holiday amusement. *Exchange.*

There are few sights more pitiable than the hack teacher, whose only interest in the work is in her monthly stipend, who sees the morning hour of nine with a shudder and hails the evening hour of release with unspeakable joy. She hates her work, and possibly herself for doing it. What kind of interest and spirit can such a teacher instil into the minds of her pupils? what kind of a leader is she? A mere time server—a worse than slave. We would to heaven that our profession might be rid of these creatures, who, while decrying the work of the teacher, detract from the dignity and worth of the profession.—*Central School Journal.*

The movement in aid of Recreative Evening Classes has made a notable piece of progress in having obtained from the London School Board permission to use two of the halls belonging to the Board—one for an evening home for girls at Haverstock Hill, the other for a working-men's club at the Ben Jonson School. Application for the use of these premises was made by the Gordon League, who propose to provide all necessary furniture and apparatus, and to be responsible for the good management of the institutions. The Girls' Home is for girls who have left school and are working for their living. The hall appropriated to them is to be made cheerful and attractive, a committee of young ladies will decorate it with pictures, a mirror or two, to be "removed every evening, will be provided, together with pieces of bright carpet, and other pleasing appliances. A piano is thrown in, and music and musical instruction will be part of the programme. The men's clubs are to unite social intercourse with recreative amusement, and with instruction, technical, physical, and intellectual. Newspapers, quiet games, such as chess, draughts, &c., will be provided, and there will be a smoking room. Occasional songs and recitations, with lectures, magic-lanterns, art training, and elementary science, complete the curriculum for the present. Certainly this is a great step forward, but it promises to do good, and we trust that the experiment soon to be made will be thoroughly successful. The Board has done well to grant the use of its premises; the zeal of the Gordon League will probably do the rest.—*English Exchange.*

Literary Chat-Chat.

Harper's Young People is one of the best of the illustrated weeklies for children. Its teachings are sound and pure, and its pictures cannot fail to delight the young eyes.

Our Little Men and Women for August (D. Lothrop & Company, Boston) comes to hand full, as usual, of charming little stories and illustrations to delight the hearts of the little folks.

The banishment of the Count of Paris, with other princes, from France will, it is said, delay the completion of the history of the American Civil War, in course of preparation by the former.

The Hon. John Carling, Minister of Agriculture, has issued a Dominion of Canada Guide Book, containing information for intending settlers. The book is very neatly printed, and abounds with maps and illustrations.

A prize of \$1,000 is offered by the American Sunday School Union, of Philadelphia, for the best book on "The Christian Obligations of Property and Labor." The book must contain between 60,000 and 100,000 words. All MSS. must be in by Nov. 1, 1887.

The Youth's Companion still maintains its excellence as a model paper for the young. Its articles and stories are full of interest and life, and yet morally healthful and invigorating. The editors of the *Companion* deserve great credit for keeping its columns free from all objectionable matter.

An interesting experiment in co-operation is being successfully tried by the publishing house of Cassell & Co. The employees of the firm now hold 5366 shares of the capital stock, with a market value of about \$325,000. During the last three year the management has paid a dividend of 10 per cent., besides adding \$50,000 to the reserve fund.

A very neat 72 pp. catalogue of Books for Teachers has just been issued by E. L. Kellogg & Co., of 25 Clinton Place, N. Y. It contains a list of 250 that are recognized as having practical value. Each book is classified, described, and indexed by author, subject, and title. To each is given the special teachers' price and postage.

Many of the more important have contents given. Under the department of Principles of Education 19 books are described, Methods of Teaching has 51, School Management, 7, Primary Education, 10; Kindergarten Education, 14, etc. It has also a short introduction on the selection of books. The printing and paper is very excellent, the cover being in two colors. Sent for 4c. in stamps.

Literary Reviews.

EASY FRENCH PIECES FOR UNSURE TRANSLATION.—Selected and arranged by U. E. Russell, M. A., Assistant Master at Hailebury College.

SELECTIONS FROM MARTIAL.—Edited by J. R. Morgan, M. A., late Scholar of Jesus College, Cambridge, and formerly Assistant Master at Derby School.

The above two little works are published by the Messrs. Rivington, Waterloo Place, London, Eng. The selections seem carefully and judiciously made, the letter press is clear and good, and the Notes on the "Selections from Martial" are brief and to the point, and will afford a needed help to the young student.

THE MANUAL OF CORRESPONDENCE: a Practical Text-book containing exercises in Capital Letters, Construction of Sentences, Spelling, English, etc., together with numerous samples of business and social letters in type and photo-engraved. Published by Connor O'Dea, Toronto.

The authors of this work justly claim for it a certain measure of originality, as the first school text book on the subject of correspondence. The book contains much information that will be of value to teacher and pupil in connection with this important and too much neglected part of a practical education. The forms of letters of various kinds, the illustrations of addresses and salutations, and the miscellaneous Hints and Helps in regard to such points as abbreviations, address of envelope, titles, etc., will be found, we doubt not, specially helpful in many cases.

NEW SECOND MUSIC READER.—By Luther Whiting Mason. This volume belongs to the National Music Course, published by Ginn & Co., Boston. It is based largely upon C. H. Holmann, and contains first lessons in reading music at sight, together with one and two part exercises and songs, and directions to teachers. Among the novel features, designed to make it specially helpful to both teacher and pupil, are its Rhythmic Analyses, by means of Time-names, an invention of the author; also Preparatory Exercises in the Study of Two-Part Singing, German Chromatic Pitch-names, Special Exercises in Singing Chromatic Sounds, Test Exercises for Individual Reading, etc. The book will, no doubt, prove a valuable addition to the means for instructing the young in the very desirable knowledge of the elements of vocal music.

STUDIES FOR REAL LIFE.—By D. J. Bunnell Sawyer, with an Introduction by J. A. MacCabe, M. A., Principal of the Normal School, Ottawa.

This work, which is dedicated by permission to the Marquis of Lansdowne, will afford valuable help in an important class of subjects to business men and those preparing for business life. It contains, amidst a wide variety of kindred matter, treatises and illustrations on the various styles of penmanship, commercial law, correspondence, wood-engraving, photo-engraving, lettering, engraving and designing, business forms, book-keeping, etc.; also biographical notices, and photos of a number of Canadian and American penmen.

PIETARCH'S LIVES. Clough's translation, abridged and annotated for schools by Edward Ginn, with historical Introductions by W. F. Allen. (Ginn & Co., Boston).

We have before commended the excellent conception which underlies Ginn & Company's "Classics for Children." This book is the latest volume of the series which has reached us, and by no means one of the least valuable. We know few works better adapted to beget and foster the love of good literature, which is so desirable in the education of children. As a model of biography, the "Lives" is one of the most interesting of Grecian prose classics, and the one better adapted than almost any other to win the attention and improve the taste of the young. It is here set before them in a most attractive form. Nothing could exceed the clearness and beauty of the type, and the notes seem brief and to the point.

JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.—By J. W. Johnson, F.C.A., Principal Ontario Business College, Belleville.

This is a publication in pamphlet form of a clear and practical address, full of useful information on the subject indicated, delivered at a public meeting under the auspices of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Toronto, January 21st, 1886.