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A regard for the health of the pupil, we recently contended, would be and should be the next step taken by our ever changing systems of education. Already; let us be tharkful, something is being done, as the following review of an important teport shows:-
"The subject of physical education," says Eduction, " is beginning to recsive, in our higher schools of learning, something of the attention to which it is properly en titled. Although gymnastic exercists and athletic sprorts bave long had their place in colleges, and although manual labout schools, or departments in schools, have had 2 pretty thorough trial, the whole subject of physical training, as rehated to health and to a symmetrical development of nind and body, has only recently begun to take that place in educatiunal systems which it: importance demands.
"One of the most interesting of the many valuable 'Circulars of Information'
issued by the Bureau of Education, under the adminstration of Commissioner Juhn Eatun, is that upun ' Physical Trainng: in American Colleges and Universties,' By request of Gen. Eaton, Dr. E. II. Hartwell has cullected from the variuus colleges the infurmation which was accessible, and em bodied the facts in a report cmbracing nearly two hundred pages of instructive maller, with illustrations and tables. The history of physical training in America is wutlined, and a full accuunt is given of the methods and appliances now in use at Imherst, dartard, liale, and other cul leges, with diagrams of the best gymnasia in the countrs. Amherst Cullege is reco gnized as the pioneer in the establishment of an organized department of thesical training ; and under the efficient management of Dr. Elitcheock it has still kept its rank as a model, and as one of the most perfect in this or any other land.
"The greatest impetus to the cause of physical education, however, was given at Harward College in $1 S 79$, by the erection of the Hemenway gymnasium, and the appointment of Dr. D. A. Sargent as director and professor of physical training. This gymnasium was furnished with a full set of Dr. Sargen's developing appliances, and, ever since it was opened, has been manag ed in accordance with a system of training known as the Sargent system, - 'a system,' says the report, 'more comprehensive, practical, and scientific than any hitherto attempted or adopted in any college.'
" $A$ full description of the building and appliances of the Henmennas gymnasium is given in the report, with diagrams and tables sufficient to put the reader in pos session of all necessary facts in regard to to the method and working effects of the system.
" Not the least interesting among the items of this repurt is the statement pre sumably from Dr. Sargent's own pen - of his views upon caercise. It will interest educaturs tu know that he regards the sul ject of physical training to be, 'not so much to make men active and strong as to make them healthy and enduring.' It
is evident from the methods used that the supposed precedence given to athletic over mental traming finds nu place in the Sar gent system. The symmetrical development of the whole man is what is aimed at , and the results are what might be ea pecied, considering the average character of the material upon which the work has been perfumed. The Surgent system has nuw been adupted in over fifty institutions, and a school for the training of teachers has been opened under Dr. Sargent's direction in Cambridge.
" The report proceeds to discuss 'Ath !etic Spurts in the C'nited States, in which college athletic organizations are descrilad, and the pulic: of the sarious culleges, in regard to sports, is outlined. A sumewnat full account of the variuus things which counteract the influence of 'professionalism' in several leading colleges, shows that the authorities are moving in the right direction, and si..ving for the greatest good to the greates' number. A valuable appendix. on ' Phy ical Training in Germany' completes the volume."

Tue Daily Chronicle (I.ondon, Eng.) commenting on Sir SpencerlVe:lls's address as President of the Sanitaiy Congress, writes: "This, he says, is an age in which. we must push popular education in both sexes far beyond conventional limits, otherwise we shall lose our place in the race of life, and no longer rank as 'heirs of all the ages, and foremust in the files of Time.' Evils mas come, especiails to numer, frum ubar picasure ita cilucation but then, says Sir Satencer Wells and no surgeon in Eurouc has a tetter right to dogmatize on such a subject 'if overwork sometimes leads tu discase, it is mure morally wholesome to work into it than lounge into it." Eiten uter f.ressure in schouls he traces, pat. Sir J. Crichton Brown, to ' some of our sanitary success.: The sanitailans have been the means of heeping in life the weak:ings the survivals of the least tittest and under the strain of a ssstem adapted io the average boy and girl, they break down."

## Contemporary Thought.

From 1852 to 8808 Chicago's population increased 5.1 times what it was in the first period. The dealh rate increased 3.7 times. The deaths from nervous disorders increased 20.4 times. These figures are significant of the wear of city jife on the nervous system. Is not this strain of the nervous system a peculiarly Ametican danger ? To be sure, all brain-workers in all countries are liable to it, but in our counery climatic influenees increase the tendency. Under thise influences we have developed national characteristics, showing in form and feature. We do things in a hurry. We are in haste to get rich. Wie are in haste to be wise. We have no tine for exercise. We have no time for play. Buth exercise and play are hy serious people often looked upion as a waste of time for audlts, however good they may be for children and joung people. A boy must le a man before his time, and a ginl must be prim and staid, and must not romp like her more fortunate brothers, but must be a sober woman after she has entered her teens. It seems as if the latilie of modern life (at least of modern city life) was a battle of the nerves. From nursery to school. from school to college, or to work, the strain of brain goes on, and strain of nerve--scholarships, examinations. speculations, promotions, excitements, stimulations, long hours of work, late hours of rest, jaided frames, weary brains, jarring nerves, all intensified loy the exigencies of our school and city life." The worst of the mischief is that this strain falls most of all upon those from nature and circumstance leass able to lear itupon our women. Public opiniou frowns upon their exercising like men. Yet with a nervous system more sensitive than man's, they, need the very exercises (out-of-dwors) which, in a mistaken public sentiment, they are ofien forbidden to take. The bealihy housework is often depured to a servant, either because too hard fur our American girls, or too much benea!h them.-E. L. Kichards in Popular Science Monthly.
As touching orthography, one word on the insunity of the foretik skil, if that's the way they write it. It has gained some adherents among scientists and scholars; but I have never seen any answer to the inquiry, Would they, then, revolutionize all our literature and zeprint all English standard authors in the new jatgon? Does any. body imagine that a Shakspex, so metamorphosed. would smell as sweet? Is not the spelling of our oid authors part of their genius? Admiating that modern editions have modified Shakspeare's spelling, can we affurd to seduce it to illiteracy and read-
"That which we cal a roz
By anè other nām wüd smel ax swèt."
This may not he approved spelling, but there are as many plans as roses in this su sīul, and it will be as hard to decide leiween them as to keep on the old path. Granted that ihere is force in all that is said about the anomalics of English, there they are, and you must cut down the o.d oak to get rid of is gnarls and contortions. Our language is a growth, not 2 manufacture. Every word has 2 history, and orthography points out the history and suggests the elymology. To help the lazy and the
stupid must we make a holocaust of such precious elements as these? As a matter of fact, children of intelligence, taught by the cye, with chalk and backloard, catch the currect forms very icadily.
If education and not mere "preparation for business " is the illea, 1 must bear witness to the splendid gymnastics of mind to which our language subjects the growing loy. He tearns a hundred things besides spelling in his spelling.class. He fathers the histury of words, the roots of speech, :he philosophy of language, and the eletrents of many languages lesides his oxn. Herc, if anywhere, applies the true wisdom of Providence, so Leautifully signalized by the poet-

## " jaler ipse colendi

Haud facilem esse viam noluil. . . . curis acuens mortalia cordth,
Nec lorperc gravi passus suc regna yeterro."
-Bishop A. Cleveland Coxe in The Formm (October.)

The Afpalachian Philosopher gives the follow. ing twelve ways of injuring the health:

1. Wearing of thin shoes and stockings on damp nights and in cool zainy weather. Wearing insuf. ficient clothing, especially upon the limbs and extremities.
2. Leading a life of unfecling stupid laziness, and keeping the mind in an unnatural state of excitenient, by reading trashy novels. Going to the theatres, parties and balls, in all sorts of weather in the thinnest dress; dancing till in a complete perspiration, and then going home without sufficient overgarments, through the cool, damp night air.
3. Slecping on feather beds in $7 \times 9$ bed-rooms, without ventiation at the top of the window; especially with two or more persons in the same small unventilated bed-room.
4. Surfeiting on hot and very stimula(ing dinners; caling in a hurny, without halr masticating the food, and cating heartily before going to bed, when the mind and body are exhausted by the :oils of the diy and the excitement of the evening.
5. Beginaing in childhood on strong tex and coffee, and going from one step to another, through smoking tohacco and drinking intoxicating liquors, and personal abuse, and mental and physical excesses of othet kinds.
6. Marrying in haste and gelting an uncongenial companion, and living the semainder of life in mental dissatisiaction, cultivating jealousies and dumestic broils, and leing always in 2 meatal fesment.
7. Keeping children quiet hy giving paregoric and cordials, by teaching them to suck candy, and by supplying them with raisins, nuta and sich cakes; when they are sick by giving them mercury, tartar emetic and arsenic, onder the mistaken notion that they are melicines and not irritant Joisons.
8. Allowing the love of gain to absorb our minds, so as to leave no time to attend to our health; following an unhealihy occupation because money can be made by it.
9. Templing the appetite with hitters and nice:ies when the stumach says no, and by forcing food into it when neture does not demand, but c以. $n$ rejects it ; gormandizing between meals.
10. Contriving to keep a continatal worry about something or nothing : giving away to fits of anger.
11. Heing irregular in all habits of sleeping ; and eating too much, too many kinds of food, and that which is 200 highly seasoned.
12. Neglecting to take proper care of ourselves, and not applying early for medical advice when disease first apprears, but by taking "celebrated" quack medicines to 1 degree of making a drug shop of the body.

Tre following is well fitted for our "Contemporary Thought " columns:-
The I'rince of Wales has aldressed the follow: ing lettes to the Lord Mayor:

> Marllorough IIouse, Pall Mall, S.W.,

Seprember 13, 1886.

## Deak Loki Mayor,

My attention has been frequently called to the general anxiety that is fell to commeramate in some special mazner the approaching jubitec of Her Majesty's reign. It appears to me that no more suitable nuemorial could be suggested than an institute which should represent the Atts, Manufactures, and Commerce of the Queen's Colonial and Indian Empire. Such an Institution would, it seems to me, be singulatly appropriate to the occasion, for it would illustrate the progress already made during her Majesty's reign in the Colonial and Indian Dominions, while it would record ycar by year the development of the Empire in the ats of civilization. It would thus be deeply interesting to Her Majesty's sulbjects both within and beyond these islands, and would tend to stimulate emigration to those British territories where it is required to expend the trade between the different kritish communities, and to draw closer the boads which unite the Empire. It would be at once a Muscum, an Exhibihinn, and the proper locality for the discussion of Colonial and Indian subjects.
That public attention has already been forcibly directed to these questions is sufficientis proved by the remarkalile success which is attending the Colonial and Indian Exhilition at South liensing. ton, and I confideutly anticipate that arrangements may be made wherely the more important collections, which have so largely contributed to this success, wiil be placed at the disposal of the Institution.
I have much satisfaction in addressing this lettex to your Lordship as Chief Magistrate of the capital of the Empite, and to invite your co-operation in the formation of this Imperial Institute of the Colonjes and InJia, as the memorial of Her Majesty's jubilec by her suljects Should your Lordship concur in this proposal, and be willing to open 2 fund at the Mansion House, I would suggest that the contributions received be vested in 2 bedy of trastees, whom the Sovereign would be asked to nominate, and I would further suggest that the Institution should be under the permanent presidency of the Meir Apparent to the Throne.

I remain, dear Lord Major, Yours truly, silbert Ediard, 1.
To the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor.
In reply to this communication the Lord Mayor has expressed his readiness to co-operate heartily in promoting the formation of the proposed instisute, and to open a fund at the Mansion house for the receipt of contributions.

## Notes and Comments.

Is our next insue wil: be commenced a series of papers on the Literatute for Entrance Examinatiors.

Wehear that Mr. Thumas O'Hagan, M.A., has resugned his pesstion as teacher of modern languages in the Pembioke High School.

IVE are requested by the Education Department to state that it is the intention to prepare papers for the next entrance examin. ation to high schoots containiag a greater number of questions than the candidates will be required to answer thus giving them a choice of eight or ten on the paper. Also to make a correction its the circular sent out some time $a ; 0$ in which it was stated that candidates would be required to submit drawing books nos. four and five to the examiners : it should have read four or five.

The Americar Teacher thinks every :eacher's private library should coniain some of the following list of books:-

Methods of Teaching : by John Swett.
Object-Teaching and Methods for Primary Schools: by Henry Barnard.

Mistakes in Teaching: by J. L. Hughes.
Theory and Practice of Teaching: by David 1. Page.
How to Secure and Retain Attention : by James L. Hughes.
School Keeping,-How to Do It: by Hiram Orcu:t.

Science and Art of Education : Ey J.Yayne.
On Prmary Instruction: by Simon Laurie
The Elements of Pedagogy: by Emerson E. White.

The Education of Man : Frocbel.
Ogden's Art of Teaching.
Hewett's Pedagogy.
How to Teach : by Riddle, Harrison $\&$ Calkins.

Hailman's Educational Lectures.
litch's Lectures on Teaching.
Theory and Practice of Teaching: by Thring.
The Ends and Means of Teaching : by Henry Callerwood.
The First Three Years of Childhood: by Bernard Perez and James Sully, M.A.

The 2Sth of October has been set apart as a second school Arbour Day in Pennsyivania. "This subject," says the Pennsylvania School Journal, "should be talked of pleasantly and profitably in every school in Pennsyluania. Every Normal School should give it earnest attention. Every County Institute should place it upon the programme for discussion of the best practical means oi securing the more general planting of trees, vines and shrubbery, both in the vicinity of the school, and by the pupils at their homes, and so far as possible
throughout the various school districts. Agitation, agitation is needed. Nobody disappones what must $F$ only a growing beneilit to the community. But the leaven of agitation in every educational centre is needed to convert passive approval into active personal interes: and a resolute purpose that the work shall be done. This work is not for a day, nor for a year, but for the pleasure and profit of the next and it may be of succeeding generations as well as of the present. It is poor economy for one generation to rob the next of wood, shade, fruit, beauty, moisture. We should leave the world richer than we found it not poorer or less attractive. Let it he our aim then, definitely pioposed, though, it may be, never to be attained-that every school shall plant trees and shrubs and vines about its buildings ; cuery church about and within its enclosure ; every good citizen about his home and upon his sarm and waste lands; every tuwnship along its roads; every city town and village along its streets and in its public parks and squares. So shall the nal:edress of the land be clothed in beauty, the supply of all kind of fruits be riore abundant in their season, the torrid heat of summer be mitigated, the purity and moisture of the atmosphere be increased ; the streanis flow more full and steadily, and, in a word, the Arbour Day millenium be realized."

Educationists generally, and teachers in particular (says the North Hrifish Daily Mail), would do well to study the admirable series of papers on "The Schools ot Greater Britain" presently appearing in The Schoolmaster, the orgari devoted to the interests of public school teachers in England, and a journal that has latterly been making considerable headway in Scotland. The articles have been suggested by the very complete dispiay made in the respective educational sections of the great Colonial Exhibition of South Kensingtun. They are as elaborate: and exhaustive as if the writer had been specially commissioned to make 2 personal tou: of our colonies, and to draw up a report bearing on every phase of the education question in Greater Britain. In the six papers that have already appeared a complete survey is taken of the schools in the Dominion of Canada, taking in the two divisions of Canada proper. Ontario and Quebec, with New Brunswich, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and British Colunabia. The most striking differences'twixt the old country and these and other colonies are to be found in the fact that our kin across the sea despise and reject our system of payment by resulis and our worship of percentages, and with rare exceptions open their schools free to all comers, the school being supported by general taxes and local rates. Many intercsting figures are given in the articles on the salaries of teachers in the Dominion. It is an eye-
opener to learn that the average salary for schoolmasters in Nowa Scotia is only $E 8_{4}$, and that the most highly remunerated headmaster :here has a stiperid of only £i37! What would the 500 -pounder headmasters under the (ilasgow School Board say to such comparatively slender emoluments? The articles in The Schoolmaster are of permamanent value, and are likely to be reproduced in book lorm. They are eminently readable and instructive.

Under the title "Rainy Days" a correspondent writes a letter to the Schoolmaster (London, l:ng.) which we think many ought to read. It runs as ívllows:
" Su, , My father is the treasurer of a volunsary school in the north-west of London; and it is my part, every munth, to write out the teachers' receipt-forms for their salaries, and going to sehools afterwards to receive them back, duly signed. Thus it is that the amount of each teacher's salary comes under iny notice. And here let me state, that in my folluwing remarks, for the sake of clearness, I shall refer to women-teachers only.
" Our teachers in the girls' and intants' echools command salaries varying from $\mathcal{L}+0$ fion ; how much of this is laid by for a rainy day? Not much, 1 fear.
" Take a case in point : last winter, during the time of the Mansion House Relief Fund, one of our lady visitors :whose duty it was to inquire into the merits of cases that had applited for relief, came upon the following sad case. A young woman, whose first child was but 2 few days old, the husband was out of work, their things were nearly all pawned, rent was owing, and they were in dire need of lood and clothes.
"A few questions drew out the sad fact that up to the time of her marriage, this woman had been a ieacher under the board, drawing a salary of $£ 120$ per annum ; of this she had saved nothing! She did not know how the money went, but • $i t$ always seemed to go out as fast as it came in.'
"Can this be taken as a solitary instance of neglecting to lay by for the rainy day, which came so much sooner than expected; 1 should be glad to be able to shink so, but fear it is not an uncommon case.
"Of course it must be remembered that though teachers can command better salaies in London and other large towns than elsewhere, yet the expenses of board and lodging will be comparatively greater. Also that teachers must always beneat and well-dressed, ind that some of them, doubtless, contribute towards the support of aged purents.
"Yet all this taken into consideration, does not do away with the fact that many teachers might and ought to lay by something for 2 rainy day. Rainy days will come, and as they generally come unexpectedly, it is the more imperative that some provision should be made for them."

## Literature and Science.

## STONYHURST AND ITS SYSTEM. <br> (Corelludedfom our lass issme.)

A Stonvhurst day is a busy one. it will be interesting to follow the order of exercises. Winter and summer, the scholars rise at half-past five. Morning prayers and mass follow in the chapel, which bings them to a quarter to eight ; when there is a breakfast, for which a quarter of an hour is allowed. After breakfast follow two hours in the classes. Half an hour's recreation in the playground succeeds, when there is another hour's classes for mathematics and arithmetic. Dinner is served at half-past twelve, to be succeeded by an hour and a half's recreation in the playground. There is then hulf an hour's study, with an hour and a half's evening class; recreation then for about three quarters of an hour, chapel for a quarter of an hour, and "night studies" for an hour and a half; and with the welcome sound of "Put up your books" the working day comes to a close. Supper follows, with an hour and a half's recreation. All are in bed by nine. It will be seen that in this arrangement the spells of study and play are judiciously alternated.

A traditional " motor," if we might so call it, for supplying interest to the studies is the dividing each class into two parties, called Romans and Carthaginians. This is regulated by a system of marks with banners, marked "S.P.Q.R.," pulled down on defeat ; the foremost boy being hailed as imperator, and the officers under him being styled tribunes. prators, etc. This may seem fantastic, and with familiarity it might be thought would lose its force; but the alternatives of success were accompanied by these never-failing stimulants to boyish industryreward in the shape of holiday and "banquets." This was a relic of the old Liege days; and, when the summer time came round, these accumulated debts were paíd and the anticipated and hardly won enjoyments realized. There was what was called "a blandyke," or good day, when every enjoyment was provided; late rising on the following moaning, luxurious breakfast and dinners, fishing, or some distant expedition to see the mysterious world without. One of the most gratifying and delightful feelings excited was the sense of privilege; companions being seen, throughout she day, parsuing the drudgery of school life, and casting winful glances at the favoured holi-day-makers. For a variety of services or merit this reward was given, and there were what were called " good suppers" in the old baronial hall; where the rafters re-echoed to song and laughter.
The Jestit system of discipline for the control of a crowd of lads, about two hundred
and fifty in number, of all ages and degrees, is a remarkable one. This is administered by three prefects-first, second, and third. These officers attend to these duties only, much as the proctors do at the universities ; and in the playground or at study-time one or other is always Cr faction. Though in later days there has been some modification, it is chiefly in the shape of delegating these duties to trusted "first-form" boys. Such concessions, however, are rather inconsistent with the principle of the society, which is that of rigorous supervision. This spirit is illustrated in the "castrated" editions of . e e classics of which De L.a Rue's "Virgil" is the most familiar instance. Our public schools go upon another principle; the argument being that the shock of introduction, on entering the world, to what has been so jealously excluded would only lead to sudden and fatal downfall. For my part 1 find the question a perplexing one.
The prefects, or lictors, as the classicists of the playground might style them, administer the corrective discipline of the place, The pusishments are either ordered by the masters or by the prefects themselves, for infraction of rules, insubordination, etc. There are penalties of a mild sort-such as extra studies and forfeitures of various kinds, or, in the case of the more hardened, of the physical sort. A time-honoured instrument is the ferula; a springy piece of leather of the texture and weight of a carriage-trace; the culprit holding out his hand to receive from six to eighteen strokes; eighteen strokes being the maximum. Few things are more disagreeably painful and at the same time more harmless and transitory in its effects than the application of this instrument. Punishment was administered at fixed hours ; and it was left to the lad himself to go at his own time and apply for castigation. In this way he had an opportunity of showing his manliness and of taking his punishment with a sense of having deserved it. It is evidence of the skill and tact of the order to have devised this method. For more serious offences there are severer punishments. In so large a gathering one or two "black sheep" are almost sure to be found, and these are promptly dealt with and removed for the general safety of the flock. The principle of settling quarrels by "fighting" is not tolerated; though occasional contests of course arise. Due allowance is here made ; but anything like a battle arranged to "come off" in cool blood is severely visited on the offenders.

Sie studies are directed by an important cfficial, "the prefect of studies," who inspires the whole, examines every three months, and has to superintend the masters. Evidence of the success of the system is shown by the recorcis of the London Unversity, where during furty years, exhibitions, honour, and
scholarships have been won far out of proportion to the number of lads sent up.
A provision that obtains in all the colleges of the society is a marked division of the scholars into two sections, which, though working side by side, hold no communication with each other. The three higher classes form one division, called the "higher line," the smaller boys another, the "lower line." It might be two different schools. In the playground a slight rising of the ground separates them. It may be said for this system that the lower classes, being in a state of childhood as it were, look eagerly for promotion into the upper division.
Nothing is so remarkable as to see this band ur clever, learned, and laborious men all working hard in the drudgery of teaching and supervision, themselves under strict supervision; and all without fee or reward, save what they look for from the sense of duty well performed.
The associations of Stonyhurst are remarkable enough. The most famous pupil connected with it is Charles Waterton, one of the most genuine "personalities" of his generation. He was one of the first that entered the place. I had the good fortune to be intimately acquainted with him, and have often heard him relate his 'scapes, hairbreadth and otherwise, and his many strange adventures. Readers of "The Newcomes" will recall Thackeray's amiable description of him as "the good W.," who prayed for the novelist in a charch at Rome. The most brilliant of its scholars was certainly the late Mr. Shiel, who has left some pleasing sketches of the time he spent there. There are few places that binds its sons to itself by firmer und more far-stretching bonds. Here, too, young or middle-aged men and greybeards return again and again to the old home on festivals, sure of a welcome, to enjoy a day or two of the fine air and pleasant champaign country.-St. Fames's Gazette.

The Lick Observatory, Mount Hamilton, California, lizs one great advantage over all others in that its altitude and location in that peculiarly favoured climate furnish a steadiness of atmosphere which permits the regular emplogment of telescopic eye-pieces which magnify two or three times as much 2s ordinary instruments. Its elevation also makes "effectively available" a much larger region of the sky than any other station.

In an examination of 11,175 persons for colour-blindness, Dr. Worms, as reporied to the Faris Royal Academy of Medicine, has found but two who were incapable of disinguishing one colour from another, while three were blind for red and six for gre' 7 , cighteen could not distinguish green from red, fifteen saw no difference between green and blue or grey, and fifty-two had a peculiar weakness in colour-vision in general.

# Special Papers. 

CONSERVATISM AND REFORM IN EDUCATIONAL METHODS.
(Roud bofore the Ontario 'rachers' dssocintion, J:uly 23th, 1886.)
(Comeluded from lass :cecti.)
I have now given you as briefly as possible a general statement of the must striking features of the "Old" and the "New" methods; and 1 would remind you again that 1 am very far from asserting that the socalled "new" methods are entirely new. There is not a twacher before me who has not been familiar with many of these ideas all his days. But the apostles of the "New Education" call these methods peculiarly their own; and for the sake of clearness I have for the moment accepted their assump. tion. The series of coutrasted methods which I have tried to outline might have been more suitably described, some may think, by the terms "Rational Metbods" and "Irrational Methods," but as the chronological distinction is the one in common vogue everywhere, 1 have preferred it, making at the same time a disclaimer as to its validity. No one can suppose that the great poets and philosophers and statesmen of the past were trained by abject fnols, for abject fools our ancient and more recent predecessors must have beed, according to the estimate of some modern ingrates. All the so-called new methods have not suddenly dawned upon the world in these latter days. Some of them have been the result of the experiences of ages. Many of them, however, are novel and are by no means in universal use.
It is our duty to give these newest methods our earnest consideration. If science and experience teach us that they are in the main right methods, we are all, I am sure, ready within our narrow limitations to effect whatever reforms are practicable.

My subject has again and again tempted me to go beyond itsobvious scope, and to deal with a topic quite as important-" Ratioral Courses of Study." This topic I hope we shall be allowed to discuss at the next meeting of this Association if anyone can be found courageous enough to introduce it. The two are companion topics, and in dealing with the one I have found it necessary more than once to allude to the other. However good one's methods may be, it school-studies are arranged without regard to sequence in the processes of mental development the general resulte will be somewhat disappointing still. Milk and meat are bott very good things, but milk is for babes, and "strong mear belongeth to them that are of full age." Reforms in educational methods have contributed to the solution of what should be regarded 25 the mos: momentous of the secular problems of this age; but the full
solution will not be reached without more radical reforms. Rational methods of study will have a carcer ot struggle if they are divorced from rational courses of studs. Nature has joined them together and the formal union must be consumated soon. As individual teachers we have a measure of freedom in the adoption of methods; as to courses of study we are the obedient servants of the educational authoriiies and must follow their guidance. The silent revolution is in progress and is making sensible and satisfactory headurey. The educational authorities in this Province are moving as rapidly as they dare along the new lines. We are living in a seasoln of necessary educational mutation. Notwithstanding the popular outcry against it, there must be change, continual change for manj; years to come, if we who should lead the van are not to fall in the rear of the world's activities. To stagnate while everything about is in motion would be a $\sin$ and a disgrace. In every department of human industry and thought we see to-day life and change. The schools too must move. The schools should the the source of all that is best in the world's thought and the world's work, and the pulsations of their throbbing energies should be felt throughout the whole social organism.

In conclusion I would call your attention to a matter that comes home to us all. Anyone who reads the newspapers, the magazine, the latest scientific works must be well aware of this; the schools of to-day are lying uncer a heavy reproach. The Lancet (in effect) affirms that irrational educational methods are helping to deteriorate the race. A writer in the Americart fournal of /nsanify asserts that "the bine of our present system of domestic and educational life is the cramming process which is mere remembrance, and may be indulged in with no more originality than are the chatierings of a parrot." A distinguished educational philosopher tells us that "the schools are out of joint with the times and the instruction which they afford is not the highest and best either as 2 disciplinary force or as a preparation fur the duties and occupations of life." A writer in the Toronto Mail not twenty days ago declared that many" generations will come and go before the science of teaching is conducted un truly scientific principles." Are such declarations, hundreds of which prick our self-complacence every year, are such declarations io be resented as libellous ; or are they to be accepted as just and to urge us to vigorous reform? With me you will acknowledge that much of this reproach is merited, but you will protest that much of it is undeserved. There are two causes 1 think, of the indignity that is put upon us; one obvious, one latent. The question has ofien been asked, "Why is not teachisg
regarded as one of the learned professions?" Teachers alave always had a very ambiguous status. A mild sort of odium seems to be attached to the occupation of the pedagogue. Why is this? ?ublic opinion regarding schools and school-masters is, to a great cegree, the opinion of grown up boys and girls founded on reminiscences of their school days and on the estimate that was then formed regarding the nature and value of the work of their teachers. If a teacher is hated by bis pupils, those pupils will carry some remuant of their hatred through their lives, and will judge the whole brotherhood of teachers accordingly. If a teacher's work is worthless because of inedequate scholarship or irrational methods, the very children will soon recognize the fact and they will alwavs carry in their memory some trace of their early disrespect or contempt. Thus I believe that our present unsatisfactory status as a profession is partially the work of an unerrine nemesis. The sins of the past are visited upon the present. We have our own faults to answer for, and the faults of our fathers $\mathbf{t} 00$. If this be true we should realize the terrible responsibility that is ours. We are every day in the schnol-room fixing not only our own social and professional standing but also in no small degree the standing of those who are to fill our places when we are gone. Some of the opprobrium that is heaped upon us we deserve, and this it should be our first endeavour to remove. Some school-masters maintain that most of the wonderful inventions of the nineteenth century are the produc: of thought awakened in the schoolroom, and attempt to prove from this that the education of fifty years ago was not :0 worthless as represented. However that may be we may be certain of this: If we do our duty in this generation; if we banish from our schools all traditional methods that are bad and introduce all the newer methods that are good; if we set growth before knowledge; if we set things before books ; if we set judgment before memory; if we see to it that our schnols are hives of industry rather than dormitories of sloth; however great has been the progress of the censury fast drawing if its close, however wonderful have bee. the works that have come from the ingenious mind and the cunning hand; however startling have been the revelaiions of science in its various fields; this marvellous century will not be worthy to be compared with the century that is soon to dawn.
J. E. Wetherell.

Is nine cases out of ten a fit of "the blues due to physical troulble. In sorrow and grief, when discontented and unsatisfied, do not sit down in idleness and brood over your misfortunes. Get up and do something; move alrout smartly; set the blood in motion; start the perspiration ; occupy the mind and loody alike with some useful purpose. The active man has not time to grieve. and when he is busy "the blues" disappratr. - The London Advertiser.

## GOOD MIANNERS FOR YOUNG DEOPLE.

Good manners are not so tasy to get, after all. Perhaps jou never thought that man ners were something to be got, but that they just came of theinselves, or grew up inside of you, and somehow gor outside, and that you need not show you had them unless you wore your best clothes and felt just like it. That is all a mistake. They have to be got, and then they have to be worn all the time.
First of all, you want to have manners that - will last. You do not want to borrow them by imitation; for then people will know they a-e not yours, and imitations wear out Much rubbing shows the real composition of nyything, just as the constant polishing of plated silver shows at last the base metal beneath. So, if a boy is at first very polite, but, when somebody bothers him, or asks him to do crrands, or rubs him the wrong way, he then begins to get cross and rough, he proves that his politeness was of very thin plating.

Good manners must be founded on simple, sincere purposes; else their polish soon vanishes. It is not looks that makes good manners, and it is not money that makes style.

Style is a secret, and I will tell you what makes it ; for it may be something you want. It is first, being straight, whether you are tal or short, thin or fat. Round-sinouldered boys and girls, even if handsome, are never stylish. Then it is wearing your hair according to the shape of your head, and when your headfalls in at the back, putting your hair up so as to hide the hollow place; and when your forehead is low, not making it lower by 200 much "frizziing," or "banging i" for boys even " bang ;" and by choosing the way that is most becoming, and always wearing it so, you will have a style of your own, which is what each one wants. Never cover with heavy lace the throat unless it is thin and long; and even then do not let the lace be wrapped in wads, but let it fall loosely around the neck. Wear your clothes. whether you are boy or girl, so that your walk suggests the thought of easy motion; and let them never be more than two shades of the same colour. When you bow or speak to people, do it as if you were glad to see them, and yet though they were a great deal better than you, and you will have cordiality and reverence in your manners, and will be stylish. Cool, or "bossing," or snubbing ways are never in firstclass style. The tone in which one speaks to a servant tells whether he is first, second or third-class type.

If you want to make other people and yourself happy, you must not be selfish; and you know what selfishness means when you are teasing some one. You must be really in carnest, and not be kind because it is fashionable, or because you can get your own way
better; but because it will help some one else, though it may not help you; and then you will not have your conscience tormenting you, which is a great hindrance to happiness. But as we cannot get rid of it, we have to keep it silent, by obeging it right off, clse it even spoils our dreams.

Yet if you have simple, sincere purposes, you may not have good manners. Do you not often say of some boy, "Oh! he is good enough; but he is so arkward! He has not any manners?" Orif a girl: "What is the use in her being so good, when she has not any tact ?" So you admit that goodness is the first thing. But your toes do not feel much better if they are stepped on by accident rather than on purpose, though it makes a difference as to whether you will knock down the offender or tell him to take care. When a kind-hearted sister hunts for your ball, you wish she would not tell all the other fellows that you are "the plague of her life;" and when the sister asks her brother if he likes her new dress, he need not reply: "Well enough. If girls didn't have new clothes, they wouldn't amount to much."

Very good boys and girls eat fast and eat with their knife, slam doors, sush through a room, talk aloud, sit with their arms wide apart, swing their arms, shake their shoulders, bow as if they were as stiff as ramrods or as loosely jointed as a jumping-jack, so that they bow all over themselves, never offer older people a seat, make up faces, say careless things, and use bad grammar and slang. Besides being good, you must have enough taste to sec that all these things are ungraceful, unneat and rough. You may not think so at first. But I have known many a boy very much out of sorts just because he has seen some one who never does these things, and yet is as good as he is, and whom everybody likes; and I have seen many a girl stand before the glass and wonder why people look askance at her and never ask her to partics.
So manners are something to be studied; but are not all ta be of the same pattern, else they will be borrowed. Affected girls, and swaggering and "dude" boys, always borrow, and are always laughed at.-The Independent.

A young man who treats religion and religious institutions with respect secures more respect from others, and has more self-respect, than he who shows contempt or indifference for such matters.-Our Youth

We argue for a liberal education of our children, not merely to prepare them for some particular employment, but rather to give a broad mental culture which will bring inin full action all the powers of the mind, and thus better enable them to judge of their capabilities and their adaptation to special employments in life.-S. Brownsberger, in the HealdsburgsCollege, Cal.

## Educational Opinion.

## EDUCATION AND CRIME.

IT has been a mistake to claim overmuch for education beyond the range in which its influence was legitimate. There is scarcely any limit to its possible influence, tiough there is a definite limit to its inevitable intluence. In the realu of morais the possibilities are grand, but the inevitable is not great. Education might be so applied as to exterminate crime, but left to itself there is little assurance of high, positive effect upon the proportion of crime. Because the teaching is usually done by men and women of high moral character, and definite moral aim the education of our schools is emphatically beneficial. While there is nothing in the mere development of intelligence to cure malice, lust or greed, and while the instinct of thievishness may be the same in the boor and the scholar, it is time that the teacher,-the universal teacher, -who has any fair opportunity, should reduce the probability of erime manyfold. Is is $t 00$ much to ask that the teacher with fifty or seventy children in her care, shall eradicate all the vicious notions sown by an anarchist family that concentrates by $L_{0}$-redity, constant companionship, and venombus talk all that is fiendish in the socialisti: philosophy, The teacher cannot always counteract these combined evil forces, though she frequently rescues children from all the consequences which appear inevitable in birth, companionship, and surroundings.

It is fashionable just now to decry the probabie good influence of inere intellectual training. In the name of philosophy and experience we do not hesitate to affirm that the good teacher, -and the vaut majority of our teachers are good,-through intellec!ual culture alone sways thought and emotion, head, heart, and life in moral ways. No ruan leads other men with such permanent and powerful mastery as he who unfolds the mind, develops its powers, reveals its possibilities to itself. A good man or woman who, without special moralizing, commands the mental activities of the young is by these very mental evolutions reducing the probabilities of crime, and increasing the clances of virtuous activity.
The mistake is in having too little opportunity for such leadership. The worst feature of the: industrial education tendency is, that there is danger of diverting the thought of :eacher and pupil for clear-cut inteliectual activity. It ought not so to be. The mind ought to be led more effectively when it follows hand and eye than when it soars abstractly ; but unless the teacher has the skill to keep the mind active, it gets into ruts,-loais, lingers, and is a prey for vicious thoughts, 28 the street lounger is for vicious
companions. Keep the children at 3 chool remove the mechanical requirements from the teacher, do everything possible to enable him to stimulate the mind in its studies, and you are lessening the probabilities of crime. Some men highly cultured will be successfully preyed upon by tempters and temptation. The noblest family inheritance, the best of home training, the choicest lifelong companionships, even activity in the church itself, is not enough to make some men sure to escape crime. It is too much, therefore, to ask that education take children who inherit all the appetites, tendencies, and dispositions that make for crime; whose home life sets, like a tidal wave, sinward, and make every one of them upright, honourable, law abiding, virtuous.

Taken all in all, intellectual education in the hands of good teachers has as much moral improvement to show for its expenditure of energy as any philanthropic reformalory, or even religinus effort. There is a philosophy for this experience, and the nation may rest more hopefully in the moral and patriotic product of her schools than in any other force that she commands. The church needs the best fruits of the schnols upon which to found her faith and ethical activity intelligently.-New England Jcurnal of Education

## OVERWORKED SCHOLARS.

IT seems, according to a writer in the Chicagn Times, that some recent statustics have been taken on this subject, and this time by a president of one of our colleges. His evidence was collected by sending circulars to one hundred and fifty teachers and physicians of observation and experience, asking for their opinion on the matter in question. The almost unanimous answer was that the school-room work ordinarily allotted was not detrimental to the health of the pupils. The unanimity was broken, however, by five. The alarm, therefore, concerning over-study as an imminent danger may be set aside, and yet there is some caution worthy of being insitituted. For this evidence brings out the fact that very many of the pupils in our public schools were injured by the branches pursued out of school, by injudicious home-training, etc. With the girls, who are pupils, and who are also in the social current, or touched by it, the pressure is somewhat greater. Whether, other things being equal, they are able to bear the same tug and strain that boys can undergo, was not inquired into; but the fact was elicited that they really do undergo more. The study of music alone, which is almost exclusively a girl's extra, entails additional mental activity, together with two hours' time besides, given up to dreary and monotonous practice. School-nirls, also, are often out at evening parties, and when
at home they are often shut up in the parlour to receive calls. While they are whitening themselves with a sedentary pallor by attending to these exactions, their masculine schoolmates are out in the fields and jumping over fences, or playing ball, or doing something of an athletic or open-air nature. It may not be quite as moral ic climb trees and rob birds' nests, or to do a thousand things of the horse-play nature that boys will do, as it is to sit in the house and be a lady; but it is, without doubt immensely more healthy. -The Hour.

## THE PROVINCIAL UNIVE:RSITY.

The Globe, in an article on "Victoria College and Toronto University," says:It is not going too far to predict that judging from the present outlock, the Provincial University, with its circle of affiliated colleges, will in a very few year be second to no university on this contin-ut as a centre of the highest and most liberal culture. If it fails to reach this proud eminence iss failure will, to all appearance, be due to lack of support from the Province at laige rather than to lack of liberality on the part of the Methodist church. In one respect the University of Toronto has an enormous advantage over the best of American universities-it draws its alumniftom secondary schools that are more efficient now than those of any State of the American Union, and are yearly becoming more so. With a better start, equal average ability, and as geod facilities for the acquisisition of learning, the Canadian student will more than hold his own in the kesnest competition. He is doing that now.
The citizens of Toronto have a deep interest, in this great question as citizens of Toronto. Those of them who are Methodists have a greater interest, of coutse, butall others have some. The presence in a large city of such an institution is. productive of incalculable, but enormous benefit. This is due not merely to the fact that it is a source of intellectual life and culture, though that is a matter of great importance. It is due even more to the fact that it is a centre of social and moral influence, without which mere intellectuality can do litte for either the conversation or the improvement of that organized society which men call "the State." The power of the Provincial Univesity for good, from this point of view, will be more than doubled by federation, for it will become "Provincial" in a more significant sense of the term, and the city in which it is situsted will benefit more than any other place.

The greater the importanc. of the University system of Toronto, the greater the responsibility for its efficiency. There are wealthy citizens who are not Methodists, who should be willing to aid in making

Victoria College what it ought to be-a tho. roughly efficient competitor of the Provincial University College. The more efficiant it is on its secular side the belter for both institutions, for the cause of higher education, and for the city. In Montreal all classes, without distinction of creed, have assisted in making McGill University a credit to their city. The citizens of King. ston have been equally liberal towards Queen's Unwersity, in which all take a local pride apart from denominationalism altogether. So it should be in Toronto. The expectation uf the promoters of the scheme, that they will be able to secure in Toronto funds sufficient for tire needed buildings is not an unreasonable one. On the contrary, the people of Toronto should contribute also a portion of the endowment, and we have no doubt that they will when the appeal is made to them to do so.

The Popular Science Monthly lor October does good service for American children when it pleads for such direction to the teaching of the public schools as shall emphasize common sense and reduce credulity to the minimum. There is no question but that the schools hav: not checked the credulous element in man so much as they ought with their opportunities. No child can make a reliable man, with intellectual characteristics for self.protection, who is over-credulous. It is a reflection on the work of the public school when the quack and the confidence man thrive, when it is profitable to flood the mails with faudulent advertisements which only credulous, tinbalanced, untrained minds will spend the time to read even. It would be a great economic boon to the country to have the school so far enlarge the common sense of the youth as to save the next generation from the fraudulent arts of the quack.

The lack of a pronoun of common gender in our language occasionally causes the formation of some amusing sentences. Thus, a writer speaking of the natives of Point Barrow, observes: " If anything was given a child it showed its appreciation thereat sometimes in words, but more often in smiles and by informing its plavfellows that he or she had been shown especial favours by the great white captain." An educational article, referring to school-children of either sex, says: "We believe there was not 2 single individual who did not understand the full purpose of their act." The pronoun whoso might be used more frequently than it now is in cases of this sort. The following is 2 good sentence in point: "The English language itself, with its treasures of great books, is, in my opinion, quite capable of furnishing to whoso will study it rightly all the indispensable means of mental culture. - The Student.

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## OVERCROWD/NG IN THE PRO. PESSIONS: ITS SOURCE AND /TS REMEDY.

A leading aricice in a recent issue of the Toronto Globe contained the following paragraphs :-
"In a country like ours, where farming must for many generations to come, continue to be the leading and most profitable industry, the problem of how 10 : keep the boys on the farm' is sure to be an important one. The professions have long been so overcrowded that nothing short of extraordinary aptitude and exceptional industry and perseverance can secure for a young man a reasonable promise of a competence in any of them, except it be after years of patient labour and stringent economy. In the trades there is certainly no better promise, as the nine.hour movements and other devices for dividing the available employment among as many as possible amply prove, while the lighter employments, such as those of drygoods and grocery salesmen, bookkeepers, and copyists offer still less promise of satisfactory remuneration.
"And yet in spite of all this farmers' sons will continue to leave comfortable homes where, through patient industry and reasonable economy, they can be sure of a competence and a life of comparative independence tostill further swell the ranks of pauperdom in ourcities. To the boy of eighteenthe near prospect of four or five dullars a week more than his board is too apt to be over tempting: Looking no further than the present and the very near future, he thinks only of having absolute freedom after regular working hours and four or five dollars each we:k with which he can do as he pleases. The allurements of city life invariably take a strong hold upon the imagination of a country-bred boy to whom rural enjoyments have become such matters of every-day existence that they are sure to be greatly undervalued.
"That a farmer's son having plenty of health and strength, as well as a practical knowledge of farming, should thus blight his own future, is indeed a pity, especially in a country like this where unimproved homesteads can be had for the asking, and where wild lands can be purchased at a nominal figure. Canada has land and remunerative work for everybody who wants to be a farmer, and yet she has thousands upon thousands of half-starved men, women, and children whose life is one long, and bitter struggle with pinching poverty."

A writer in The Week also in the same strain says:

[^0]or the ministry; the clerk behind the counter enters the medical profession. What is the result? A twofold disturbance between demand and supply : a deficiency of manual labour; a superabundance of intellectual labour.
"The first is, to a large extent, counterbalanced by immieration; the second has no remedy-hence .he outcry against 'overcrowded professions,' ' low salaries,' ' underbidding'; hence also a lower grade of lawyers, of physicians, of clergy, of teachers. Competition being keen, and birth and education being at a discount, the status of the learned professions is not mainsained ; professional dignity, even sometimes professional honour, is lost.
"The impor:ant industry of the Dominion is undoubtedly the agricultural industry. 'I'his surely is undeniable when we remember not only the millions of uncultivated acres we possess, but also the magnificent means of transporting their products which we possess. Granting this it does seem a policy short-sighted in the extreme to tax the owners of these acres and these means of transportation in order that their sons may become B.A.'s or LL.B.'s rather than farmers or shopkeepers. If B.A.'s and LL. B.'s could be persuaded to follow the vocation of their fathers-to go back to the plough and the counter with the knowledge that a 'higher walk of life' means doing what their fathers did better, more intelligently, more scientifically, all would be well and good-indeed better, for undoubtedly these Bachelors of Arts and of Laws would make the best ploughmen and the best clerks. Unfortunately they cannot be so persuaded."

If these views be correct, we must look deep for the source of the present state of overcrowding in the teachers' calling. That there does exist a state of overcrowding many facts afford evidence. It is to this that we must trace the very laudable attempts to raise the dignity and status of teachers : the endeavour to place the teacher on the same footing in society as the members of the Bar, Medicine, and the Church. To this also must we trace the undoubtedly low average of salary paid to intellectual work of no mean character. Indirectly perhaps also may be traced to the same source the project of lorming a College of Preceptors for Ontario recently mooted.

What are the remedies for this sate of things? We think they should be vigorous whatever they are. The causes are radical, the treatment should be radical. It :s useless to prescribe for the symptoms merely. Underbidding cannot be put down by banding together. Social status cannot be gained by clamouring for tight to social status. Increase of salary will never be obtained so long as supply is greater than demand.
'Two remedies are possible: discourage intellectual pursuits, encourage rural occupations. To effect this, more stringent
measures regulating the granting of teach. ing certificates are required; and the creation of some legitimate inducenents by which fewer persons shall be tenpted from the plough and the harrow to the pulpit, the consultation-room, or the schoolmaster's desk.

Too long alrendy have the inducements been on the other side. Too liberal an education has been obtainable and can be obtained in Canada for a comparatively small sum of money. A degree in Arts, not inferior to the "ordinary" degree of Oxford or Cambridge is within the reach of those to whom not even the expression "well-to-do" could be applied. Fees are small in Arts, in Medicine, and in Divinity. In short, the "higher education," almost we might say the highest education, is obtainable by the vast majority of the inhabitants of the Dominion.

If then we would strike at the root of the whole difficulty these inducements must be done away with, nullifed, or corinterbalanced.
'To do away with them suddenly would be dangerous even if possible. To nullify them would be difficult even if feasible. To counterbalance them is within our power.

We can at this time merely hint briefly at a mode by which we think the course of study in our high and public schools could be so altered that a greater number of Canadian boys may be induced to take as their vocation the "important industry of the Dominion"-the agricultural industry.

We should recommend that there be introduced into our school currizula certain optional subjects bearing directly and indirectly upon such matters as are of importance to the farmer and the storkraser. To be more explicit : that, say by the time the pupil has arrived at the stage of the Third or Fourth Reader (although this is a minor point which can be afterwards determined), he should be allowed to substitute for certain studies certain others such as the relation of soil to plants, plants to animals, and animals to man; the constituents of the soil; varieties of $s$ il and their relationship to varieties of crops; climate and its effects upon soils, plants, and animals; the elementary anatomy and physiology of plants and animals, including such topics, for example, as the nutritive material of cereals, from whence they are derived, how they
are increased, heir relative values, the nutritive ni trerial of beef and mutton, from whence they are derived, how they are increased, their relative values, ttc., etc.It is needless, however, to enter, at this carly stage, into detail as regard these subjects ; our readers will understand at once the ain and scope of the change we advocate.

To us it n :ems that the scientific aspect of agriulture has not as yet been sufficiently recognized among us. One agricultural college we possess, but what is it among so many? Again : is not the whole system of our higher education one eminently adapted to tempt our youth away from agricultural pursuits? Excellent examinations they can pass in all such subjects as are required for the initiatory stages of a course in Arts; of the common objects of every-day countrylife (where the vast majority of our lads are bred and born) they know next to nothing. Ground these lads thoroughly, say we, in the rudiments, then, if they wish it, let there be given them an opportunity of gaining some information on matters which will in a short time be of the most $v^{*}$. 1 importance to them.

This suggestion opens up a wide field for thought and discussion. It is :ufficient in this place to have brought it before the notice of our readers. We hope to continue the subject in future issues, and in the mian time solicit an expression of opinion on our suggestion.

## OUR EXCHANGES

Dr. Joun S. Newherry, Professor of Geology in Culumbia College, opens the November number of The Popular Science Monthly with the story of the great ancient ice-sheet which once covered half our continent, and which, more than any other single cause, gave to it its present surface config:uration. With the aid of illustrations the record left by this anighty agency of the past is very clearly interpreted for the general reader, who will obtain from the account an insight into the mode of work. ing of Nature's forces that only years of special study could afford. The Rev. Dr. A. H. Lewis writes in the same number on the origin and results of Sunday legislation. His contention is that the day was first instituted by pagan sun-worshippers, and that it has only been possible to maintaitits status in Chistian nations by the constant exercise of the authority of the state. Professor Charies A. Young .comtributes an instructive paper on "Recent advances in Solar Astronomy." In it he summarizes in a very readable way the results obtained and the discoveries made during the last five years by the principal investigators who have been studying the physics of the sua.

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The Apt Gallery of the Euglish Language. ISy A. 11. Morrisun. Toronto: Williamson A Co.

The following is the Liferary Horli's seview of Mr. Morrison's book:-

This is distinctly an anomalous book. It is constructed on a sumewhat fanciful theory and contains much that is absurd and eveng grotestiue. thut it has also rery definite meries. The author is an enthusiastic lover of English literature and the English tonguc. He draws frecly from the ample resources at his command; and his taste is so catholic, his ideas are so honest and even muda. cinas, his enthusiasm is so sincere, that white one finds on almost every page something objection. able, one also funds a geeat deal to aduire. The thetoric, now and then tawdry, ill-designed, ond glittering with the tinsel of far-fetched metaphors. is more often firm-woven in well-selected colours, and its texture is a source of mental pleasurc. The author's theory is soon outlined. Language is verbal architecture leecause " words are verbal bricks with which we phan our phrases, build our sentences, and round our periods;" verbal sculp. ture, "emhodying . . . the c',rporeal or mental characteristics of an individua., as truly as does the marble hust or statue convey to the humaneye the lineaments and form of the being symbolized;" verbal painting, "containing within its manifold vocabulary all the appliances of the arti-' to repre. sent form and texture, light and shade, colour and atmosphere;" verbal music, "appealing by sound to that sense of the beautiful which is innate in every human nature." The reader can casily imagine how the materials are cut to fit the theory. A passage from " Ossian " is likened to the hoary relics of Stonehenge, "each of these rugged periods, isolated, weather-stained, tempest-torn, a verbal monolith;" Carlyle's siyle is Gotl :; Shakespeare builds in "pyramidal climaxes;" Bacon in "verbal stories or flats, so to speak, one over the other ;" DeQuincey's "foundations are in the clouds, and he descends by flights of fancies ever broadening to the base, which spreads outwatds into the mists of uncounted centuries, and buries itself fathoms deep in the slime and reeds of a forgotten past;"-all this ingeniously, nay feli. citously, illustrated, with skilfully chosen specimens and deltly worded arguments in which the frequent digressions are fully as attractive as the luculrations bearing more closely upon the main theme. Mr. Morrison's incidental semarks with regard to poctic forms are fult of suggestions :
"Blank verse is of all mediums perhaps the best for word-building. The smooth iambic penta meter, unhampered by the trickesies of thyme, lends itself readily to the production of stately effects, and to symmetrical magnificence of construction. The octo-syllabic iambic verse of which we find so much in the romantic school of English poetry is better adapted to the painter's att.
Shori words are more suggestive of colour, that is, of the commonest colour, and being short they can be massed readily, monosyllabie on monosyllable, and trope on trope, till the page becomes a very, transformation scene, according to the humour of the artist. . . . If the rhyming tetrameter be colour and life-sense, then the decasyllabic of blank verse is Parian marbie, or Scotish granite ir may be, cedar of Lelbanon. The vistas are $c_{\text {a }} n$ nades; Doric pillars or giant trunks. The ii-maxes-domes, gables, friezes, many-fashioned summits-stretching out to the horizon in straigh.:
lines, peomerrical and correct, with occasional grand sweeps and slightly sinuols undulations, or percing wr the heavens to tower aloove ordinary consisuctions, is the obelisk erect, looks down on the prostrate column at its feet.
Mr. Mortisen does not, however, insist upon his interpretation of literature and langugge as absolute an' inmmable. He sees that there can be no absolute standard of style and finds in that fact a source of rejoicing. If evergone thought alike " libert; in fetters would moum in anguish over a Sahara like waste of inanity," and Mr. Motison would not be able to propound his interesting conundrums :
" Hlow much of beauty, of ugliness, of happiress, of misery in this world lelongs to a vivid intagination or a good digestive apparalus, how much to reatiey or an ill-conditioned liver? How much of the beaty of literature dwells in one's self, and how much in one's author?"
a conundrum perhap; bere answer. a 'y him who sees in cuery work of art "a shallow !roking back at itself in quivering but not uniympathetic outlines from the crystalline depths of the psychical profound !"

This of Carlyle is better expressed :
" His thoughis are worthy, and, hecause worthy, itnmortal, though giant-like, their limbs are thrust too far through the arms and legs of their often ill. fitting garments. They have out-krown the meagre and threadhare resources of the verbal wardrobe. Their muscuiar hero-worship and their double jointed cymicism set the wristbands and trouter straps of a conventional diction at defiance."
The book bears the test of quotation. Its faults are, for the most part, the faults of excess. It ought to ie carefully revised, ruthlessly pruned of extravagances, corrected of its glaring errors in punctuation, and provided with exact relerences, a list of authors quoted from. and a good index. Thus moditied it would be an admirable manual for Jiterary training, as well equipper! in form as it is now fresh in thought, agreeable in illustration, and attractive in style.

## BOOR'S RECEIVED.

The Autobiopraphy of lienjamin Franklin. With Sotes and a Chapter Completing the Story of llis Eife. Yant II. From 1732 to 1757 ; with a sketch of Franklin's life from the point at which his autobiography ends, chiefly drawn from his letters. The Riverside Literature Series. Boston: IIoughton, Mimin \& Co. isS6.
Exercises in False Syntax, and Other Formes of $\therefore A$ English. For the use of teachers, and candidates preparing for Departmental and Matriculation Examinations. By It. I. Sirang, B.A., Head Master Goderich High School. Fifthedition. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Cu. (limited), 9 Fiont street west. 1886. 92 pages

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## Mathernatics.

## PRODLEEMS IN ARITHMETIC

SUITABLE fOK CANDIDATES fREIAKING: fOK THE ENTKANCE ENAMINATIONS.
9. If wheat is worth go cents a bushel, find the price per cental.
10. John and Thomas have \$329, and Thomas has $\$ 6.4$ more than John. How much has each ?
18. A dishonest milkman puts $1 \%$ pints of water into every gallon of milk. What part of cach gallon is milk ?
12. What is the least number ithat must be taken from 175 \% so that the remainder will contain exactly $11 \frac{\geq}{2}$ ?
13. Hy selling tea at S7 cen:sa pound I gain 16 per cent. What is my gain on a sale amounting to $\$ 60$ ?
14. How long will it take $\$ 59.59$ c $^{8}$ to amount to five times itself at 7 per cent?
15. If money be worth 9 per cent. in what time will $\$ 50.50$ amennt to $3 \%$ times itself?
16. At what zate will $\$ j 0 . S 0$ amount to $S$ times itself in 14 years?
17. Find the largest number that will div:de 34,137 and 67,638 , leaving for remainder 201 and 102 tespectively:
18. What will 7 loads of preas cost, each containing 50 busiols, 50 lus. $2: 621 / 2$ cents a bushel ?
19. Heduce is of four days to the decimal of $\bar{z}$ of $2 \%$ weeks.
20. What is the aamber from which if sizi be raken $3 f$ of the remainder is $66{ }^{j} ;$ ?
21. What is the interest on 0 guincas for : year 4 monihs at ó per cent?

Answers will be giren in a future issue.
IIcson.
(To se continued.)

TuE interest manifested by the geacral public in the Canadian display at she Colonial Exhilition continues in mach the same grcores. Inquiries of a fencral matere are frequently made with a view to obtaiaing information relative so Canadian wools, minerals, and seme classes of manufactures, and to the growith of cetcals, grasses and roots, while constant interest is lring taken in the samples of rirgin soil exhilited from tratious pates of the Diuth-wes?. This exhibit of soils has beers of stea: ralec in explaining the face, which it is difricalt for the Einglish farmer to understand, that North-wexi crops are mostly jreduced without the aid of manare. The adolt risiturs to the angicelsural section consinue to le in a good proportion those of the fatming classex, and tisorgh many of them do rol now insend to emigrate themselecs, they almoss invariabis taik of friends who are conterpilating such a siçn Amung other callers have beed a number of genilemen desirose of sending sheir sons to Canada in the spring. Many seem to faroce a course of preliminary inxsraction on the frovernment farms which if is proposed catablishlishing nexl yeat, shough it is rot known whether it is inierded so allow taition of this nature to the cartied on $2 t$ these insitations, - Camazian Geasse.

## Methods and Tllustrations

## ANECDOTES OF AUTHORS.*

[The following anecdotes of authors are selected from old numbers of Literary Life, -a magazine of high literary merit, published at Chicago.]

Charles Dickens once received a check for $\mathcal{L}, 0,0 n 0$ from Holloway, the pill man, which was placed at the author's disposal on condition that one line of complimentary reference to Holloway's cures should appear in the book which Dickens was then publishing in monthly numbers. Dickens sent the check back $3 y$ the messenger who brought it, without any answer at all.

Julitan Arnold tells a curious story of his fatter, Edwin Arnold, writing the most of his "Light of Asia" on the cuff of his shirt sleeve while riding on the cars to and from his office. He says his father went into london every morning, and during the ride would write on his cuff with penci!. In the evening, after his return home, he copied the lines off on paper, and in this way wrote most of the beautiful poem.

LORD BYRON was as proud of his feate in swimming as of his poetry. His greatest exploit was swimming the Hellespont, seven miles, in imitation of Leander, the hero of the classic fable. Lieutenant E. Kenhead was his compani.nn, and is said to have been more rapid and more graceful in the water than Lord Byrun. Neither of them appeared to be exhausted, but the latter rested several times, swimming to the boat that accompanied them, and holding on to the side while he took some refieshment. Byron had a curious fastion in his daily baths in the Bosphorous, while at Constantinople. He took with him always two eges and a few biscuits. After undressing, he tiarew one of she egss with all his force, matked where it struck, swam to it and ate it in the water. ilie did tine same with the other egs: and then, after swimming till satisfied, dressed himself, ate his biscuits and returned to the cily: The uniformity of this practice showed that with all his eccentricities he had some tendencies 10 regular habits.

The following story about the late William Culien Bryant is told by the poct's son-inlaw, Parke Goodwin : Mr. Brjant was challenged so figity a duel by a Dr. fiolland, now deceased, on accoum of some offensive words that had appeared in the Eivering Post; but remembering shat Dr. Holland had been previously challenged by William Leggett,

[^1]without taking any notice of the challenge, he replied to this effect:
"Mr Dear Sur.-l am not familiar with the code of the duellist, but I believe that, according to its provisions, no one has 2 right to send a challenge to fight a duel so long as an unanswered challenge hangs over his head."
Then the matter was dropped.
A. ม. в.

## PRONOUNCE THE CONSO. NANTS.

The practical character of the following articie makes it deserving of a place in our "Mrethods and Illustrations" columns.]
The British assert that there is a large amount of twang in America. The Americans assert, on the contrary, that it is we who do no: speak Euglish. The question is a delicate one; it is like the question of men and women-it will never be solved. We can, therefore, under such circumstances only say what can be done to heip the matter. I am going to give you a litule key that will be of great value to jou aill.
The fundamental law of English elocution is to pronounce the vowels well, and let the consonants take care of themselves. It is the mosterroneous statement that ever was made. It explains the American "iwang." The rule should be reversed, and should be - Pronounce carefully your consonamis and let the vowe's take care of themselves. A great many of our teachers are carried off by pulmonary consumption and diseases of a similar kind. 1 am perfectly satisfied that apart from the bad structures that we have in England, a large percentage of the deaths arise from not pronouncing well the consonants. That lesson was taught me by an Ar...rican when I was nineteen years of age, and I read to a mirsor for six wecks. I discovered, to my advantage ever since, that I could speak to an audience of two, threc, four, or five thousand people without tine least incontenience, and without suffering frem sore throat. What is called iu England " yars.m's sore throat" is produced by fotjoxing wron; methods in this respect.

Besides this mechanical knowledge of the language, one must know the use of mords. The work of Archbishop Trench has zurned the thoughts of the people to the history ot each of the wards that are to be found in the language, and shat history is inieresting enough. Suppose ycu make yourselves mas. ters of the whole that Mr. Trench has suggested: do youknow the langage? No you do not. You know the history of a word, but the story of 2 word is not in your mother-inngue. The point to be arrived $2 t$ is to make every single word produce a definite idex in the mind. Hall the prejudices or mankind, and more than hall its follies, would disappear if men would thoroughly
understand the words they use. Of course it is not always possible to give an exact and precisely the same meaning to the same word. Context decides that. But having familiarized your pupils and yourselves with the exact idea of your word, cast is into sen. tences, and analyse and compare it with others. In doing this you are becoming master of the tongue you are using. But be not deceived ; the old sentence of Bacon stands true still: "Keading maketh a full man, conversation maketh a ready man, but that which maketh the accurate man is writing." You have learned from expertence that it there is anything your pupils hate it is writing.
If you will educate your pupils through their mother-iensue, they will love books. Tuey will learn enough political economy and physical science froin the text-books which are prepared, if they know the language well. One-fifth of the civilized part. of mankind use the English language. There is imposed upon seachers the dusy to do the best they can to perfect it, and the highest and best gift we can give to any boy or gisl is the power of reading I have no faith in anything else.-IIonscigneur Cabel in the Americin Teacher.

## ENGLISH AND FOREIGN HETHODS.

Mucam may be learned from the followin: extract from Mr. Mathew Arnold's recent seport :-
It was suggested that 1 should ask alie teachers to set papers in Dictation and Arithmetic, on the model of those which are set in our schools under the Code, and should bring the papers away with me so that they might be compared with the papers worked in our schools. The curriculum, or course of school study, followed in the foreizn sch_uls was also to be compared with the curriculum set forth in our Code.

In order - procure specimens of examination paper. worded under ine same conditions as ours, 1 saok abroad wish me a number of the Arithmetic cards in use in susy own district, and would have set them to children of the same age as the children who liave so work them here a: lione. But there was, first of all, the difficalis that moci sums on oar cards deal with our Einglish money, weights, and measures, not familiar so forcign children. And eren when I found suins in vulgar and decimal fractions where this dificulty did not exist, the whrie spiriz and course of reaching in a forcign school was, 1 found, opposed to selting in school hours $a$ number of sums and leaving the children to do them by themselves. Oar notion is 10 give children the sule for doing a sum, and then test shem by secing if by that rule they can do no many evms sight. The notion of 2 German teac. is stiat the school hour for arithoetic is 20 be employed in ascertaining
that the children understand the rule and the processes to which it is applied. For each branch of their instruction there is, in the plan of instruction, a Lehrziel-an aim and object prescribed for the teacher to have in view. In teaching Arithmetic, says the Saxon programme, "the instruction is to render the pupils capable of solving, independently and with certainty, the calculations which are likely to come before them in their ordinary life." It is thought that this aim is best attained by oral teaching and question. ing. When, thetefore, in order to test $a$ class, I put 2 sum in vulgar fractions upo: the blackboard, the teacher, as a matter of course, asked me to call up children to the blackboard and let them work it before me giving their reasons for every stagic in the process. The same with Dictation; if I gave a passage for dictation, the teacher's notion was that in school time children were to be tested in writing from dictation by lecing brought up one after the other to the biackboard, writing what was dictated, and being questioned on panctuation and other mat. ters as they wrote. The childten acquisted themselves vers well, both in their sums and in their writing from dictation; but I secuaed in this way no bundle of exercises so carry off with me, and I found that without urcivil persistency I could not make the teachers depart from the methods natural to them.

The best test, howetcr, of school woik is afforded, is my opinion, by what oneself sees and leears the scholars do; for that season, I looked unon it as the essential part of my business to be as much as possible in the classes while they were at work, and I spent there every hour 1 could.

## SCIOOL KCOM MIETHODS

1 тHISK the chief difficulty 1 have found with students has been to introduce it:em to themselves, to let them know that they really have minds and ought 10 put them io proper usc. Ynung men and wo:sed nalurally feel that they are dull, very dull, and they come so us with the record and memory of duitisess; so the first thing we do is to discover in them same paipable evidence e\{ ajoilizy of which they were before unawize. We have 1 mornitig exercise fur that paraicular cnd. If a boy can whistle belter than any other boy, I want him 10 whistle. If he has a marked talent in $2 n y$ direction, 1 ge: hims in some way to srot it out, that we may all sec how smart he is, and that he may get credit for so much. It cacourages him and gives us access so him. It shors him zhat although he may be dull in some ways. tee is not in all ways. 1 find also that younis men have this trouble of expressing themxelves about which Mor. Mchdiam spoke The first thing a bny sajs is, "I know what it is, but I do not know how 10 express is." In 2 sense this is true, but not so folly as he
imagines. He often has an ilea that never formulated itself in language, and so he concludes that he cannot express it. I want a boy to say exactly what is in his mind, just because 1 know the first thing he will say is the thing that is not in his mind, and he will be so surry that he cannot say what he wants to that he will strughle until the words come. That is a victory. It is not merely teaching him "gab," for when he has conquered his diffidence and mastered expression, then he will see the importance of having something so express. I have started more boys to reading by showing them their ignorance when tisey stand upon their feet, than 1 can here state.-prof. S. S. fockard at the liusiness Eitucators' Convention, as re. parted by tiac J'cnman's Arl Jaurnal, N. Y.

## SELFMADE.

THE succe:s of men of strong original faculty and persistent will is no disproof of the value of education, although it is often a decisive iest of our ajucational methods. Two boys of equal native power begin their culucational carter. One, at six years of age is put into school, and, until tweniy-one carriedthrough the routine which is still called education, and to which the majority of scholarly peuple were subjected, cien 2 generation ago. :Ie is taught every:hing at secondhand. At iwenty-one he comes out well isained in memory, in reasoning from propositions accepted without question, with a grest mass of information of various drgrees of ralue, a forcible man for doing the same thing that has been done by his zeaci:ers; 2 man elaborately goisen up to ijt a certain artificial need of a complex social state, in which whole elasses of people spend their lives, with 25 litule vital contact with the reali:ies cithings as is possible in this world. Of course, when this man is compelled to wiestle with the situations and even:s that make up the sierr realisics of our exisience, his so-called cducation fails to save him at crery poin. He has not been irained to the skibful and rruthfal use of his own faculites in the obsesvation of nature, in the study of men, in dealing with atrairs. He goes through life, unconsciously to nimself. dependent on a ceriain forbearance, expect. ing the treatrene that is accorded to women, and children, and men devored exclusicely io learning and spiritual afrairs. What wonderitaz so many of she mosi ciaborately collivated peopia arefailures the moment they step out from the charmed circle of letters intothe real world, of which literasure and science are, al best, the record. - Ex.

AFTER all the ado that has beca made aboul the science of teaching, it may yet be possible that it is the science of play, 20 which we must go to learn how the miad of $a$ litile child should be taugh: to workGood Houscícepsins.

## Table Talk. <br> AN OLD.FASHIONED SCHOOL. A!iSTRESS.

A Contkibutuk to the Niew York Evening fosf thus describes Miss Rittenhouse, who, in 1Si6, Lept a school in Jaj street, Nèw losk:-
" Miss Ritenhouse was one of the celebrities of old New Josk. She cducated two generations, parents and chiddren, of both sexes, anc I was one of her happy pupils in 1533 . Sorted in the corner of the soom on the first fioos, with hes gouty foot tied up in numerous wraps, resting on a chair in front, she, every moming, with the exception of Saturday, received her pupils of looh sexes, they having deposited theis lunch-baskets in the hall prior to their entrance, for her hours were from nine to three-a long, weasy day for children from three to seven years ofage. Miss Kittenhouse was 2 large woman, and very clictatorial ; she wore 2 cap with a wide fuffe on the border, and a flaid ginghand dress. She exacted the greatest sespect from all her pupils. We made our bow on entering the soom, sajing. 'Good morning. Miss Kittenhouse. How do you do this morning, ma'am? She replied to our salu:ation, waving hes hand toward our allotted seat. Thete we wete ranged in front of ber latiship on litule chairs; boys on one side, gisls of the other. Then commenced the dutics of her day. Each child had :o stand bys
 Ife, Hi, al her dictation. She had on a stand near her a large leather strap, and if we did not masier the lesson ciuickil;, as she though:, immediately she called ujor the looys, if the offender was 2 gistl, to rise and turn their backs, and the litaleinnocent was lifted over her knee, the strap being applicd tu the bare skin with a heary hand; or, if a looy. she lade the girls do likewise, and be had to endure the same sorture. This is the way we and our parents had the alphalet spanked into us, and also learned to tead ing the same inspiring process Het we hat the greatest respect for the old dame, and though it had treen across her knec and felt the weight and smart of her sirap many timer, 1 called on her rexulatis on N'ex l'cars' Day as long as she lived; in fact, I was afraid not so do so. Miss Ki:icnhouse edacated, or juctiaps I shoalis say taught to spell and sead, the vess people in Nex lork."

Tuz teal olject of curceation is to give childten resomices ital will cadere as long as life endares -Siviney Sxajif.

Texcifers shoold sperad less titue in crlitivaing the metmory, and more in developing the ecasoaing powers.-Ccritral Sutael /awroci.

INTELLECTUAL growit is not to be gamad to the lengith or the nember of daily recitaitions. There is ofien im mech consiasoess sumb. The sehool should be macie altractive for loys with ate not drawn ly ithe sicdy of brooks, as well as for shose who scek: a liseraty or profexiveal carect. The former class of boys is ant 2 dall ciass, brel they always appotar $2: a$ dicadraciance with boys who have 2 good memory for worcs. Sach boys are ploaghed exder in oze schorois tecanere is is thought ithey are not worth barvesting. The
manual training school intends to harvest both kinds of boys.-Dr. W'eodzord', St. Louis Mantul Training Schsoi.

The late Prolessor Louis Agassiz, in his early manhord wisited Germany to consult with Oken, the transcendentalist in zoological slassification. "Afier I had delivered to him my letter of introduction," he once sajd to a friend, "Oken asked me to dine with him, and you may suppose with what joy I accepted the invitation. The dinner consisted only of potatoes, boiled and roasted; but it was the best dinner I ever ate; for thete was Oken. He unfolded to me, during the hours of a lung afternoon, the principles of his system more completely than I could have obtained them from his books. There never was such a feast: Never before were such potatoes grown on this planet; for the mind of the man seemed to enter into what we ate sociably together, and I devoured hisintellect while munching his potatoes. I repeat it, 1 never ate such a dinner before or since."

Tue Gloic (Eng.) in an interesting anticle on superstitions connected with the cullus of the ass. says: "This cultus of the ass culminated in the famous Fiesfun Foutrwin, which in certain dioceses of France was known as the Festum -isinoram. The ass was led in solemn processiun to the cathedral ; and there, before mass, the clergy chanied the celebrated Prose de $\Gamma$ ans, composed ly lijerse de Cordeille, the chores of which, repeated lify the seople after every rerse, fan thas :-
" Orientis partibras,
Adventavit 2sines, l'ulcher et fortissimus, Sarcinis apisscimus.
"c Mes, sire Ascos, hez, chantez;
ikelle loouche, sechignez,
Vous, auser du fein asscz,
Eit de l'aroine a plantez.
-A At mass the sesponses of the ascistants took $\therefore=$ furm of initations of the braying of an ass. The medieral mind saw nohhing irrererent or shocking in this apotheosis of the 2ss."

A tieky pretty story reaches us from Windsur. Prince and Princess 13enry, of Haltcaberg, werc cat walking in Wlindsor liark recenily, and came ecross a wochegone fitile thoy silling at the root of a lree cryiag his vers bardest. The lille man on bcing gestioned adinitred that the had wandered beyond the limits ascigoed him lny his micitrex, and had secceeded in iboroaghly losing himself. 1low 10 gel lack to the matertal aproa was a grection ithat sadly perzled him. Drince and lrineexs Ifeary, Samaritan like, resolecd on resioring the litale wanderce to the fold, and set oat with hita actoss the park. As she boy was tired the puince monnted him on hir shoelder, and 40 so to Windsor." Belort, howerer, reaching the maternal abode, Friacess Beairicer, sook she boy inio a confectioner's shop and sarfcited hith with daintics, besides proriding him with a hage lag of com:fis for his sfay-ai-home brothers and sisierk. The
 Bea:rice lagghingly gave upher charge, aind leaged that be raight not be panished. Wic feai, however. bhat Tommy goi a shappiag for his "imperizence" in siring so moch trosble to the priace and paincecs, Belfass IWitmess.

## Educational

## Intelligence.

## GYMINASTICS IN GERMAN SCHOOLS.

Thene are several things in regard to instruc. tion in gymnastics in the German common schools that are worth conidering. In the first place the olject to be altained is a definite one. It may be stated in general, to be the development of bodily power and dexterity: But then this clevelopment is to be secured by such a process sof training as will produce health, a graceful carsiage, ard punctual obedience. Then the means yrovided are ample. Connected with each public school is a building deigned for instruction in :his department. It is usually one story high, and stands apart from the scticol-houce, at the farther part of the plajground. 13y this arrangement the noise and jar from the exercises do not disturb the school. The gymnasium is fiteel with apparatus of rarious kinds, such as parallel bars, ladders, verticil poles, spring-hroatds, roper, etc.

Formal gymnastic exercises aic not usually legun till the thisd school year. From that time on they are obligatory. as much so as arithmetic or reading; and, so 2 ar as m ) olservation went, they are no more neglecied. It does not seem to be the pulicy ist Germany 10 requite mose inan can be done in the schools. If it is thought iest io have a certain hind of wo.k done, that work is dune till it is deemed expedient so put something else in its piace.

The distritution of time among the classes is such as to give cach pupil two houts 2 weck in the grmazsicm. There two hours are diviced in:o iwo lessois of one howe cach. The (ictenaris think this is a inetrer arsangemers than more and shorter lessons. Their theory is that exercice of sutfeient rigour and lerith to prodace faliguc, al:hough coming hat swice a weck, will cause mose derelopment of power than a ianger nember of exercises that fall shost of the faiigie jmint. Blet whethes this theory has dercloped the present practice, or whether the practice has caused the theosy, is a matter oi doabl. Of cuarse it wozlh le imporsible to take each separaic class iato ite gymnariam crery hall. schools two hoers a weck for cach class is enocigh
 is mach to be saide on ithe side of prolonancl excrcise.

The lensoas ita: I sive wete geretally mataged with great carc. They lxanan with casy cacteises, sach as marching, and ince nurctactis with ithe
 severing. Whten ibe time cane for frapils to siss peed ithemscires lry ropers in swingiag. to climb ladders and paralitel rerical lass mith ithe bands, and 10 perform oiber exetcises reyeiring mach siresigin, ithty werc called ont in sqeads; so shat manch of the fitse wassipent in zestime. fict towatd the clese of the ieston ite work was so managed that all the class perforancd with rigocr. One featese of this insirwction was noijecable; it mas cesirined for an crecatioral cord, and not for ammscanen: If was wotk, and not play. The reachers were kisd and gcmial, bea did not sacritice the perpese of the levar so the mere plicasime of the pepits.

The teachers of this subject were the regular teachers of the school. Not every teacher taught gymnastics. Some had a special liking and aptitude for this work, and these did most of this kind of teaching. But all who taught this sulject were teachers first, and teachers of gymnastics in addition. This was not preculiar to this sulject. It was the same in music, dtawing, sewing, knitting, and the like. All who taught were trained for the work of teaching in general. This general training included training for teaching gymnastics.
1 attended a portion of an examination of candidates in this suliject. It consisted of four parts; (1) The writing of a theme upon the subject, ior which they were allowed theec hours; (2) An oral examination in the yininciples and methods of teaching gymnastics ; (3) Teaching a set of physical exercises, specially selected for the occasion, to $a$ elass of childiten in presence of the examiners; and (4) l'esforning a large sumber of excreises at the dictation of the examiners. Then the exercises themselves are specially descrived in the guide for teachers, so theat experts determine what is to tre done, as vell as the qualification of the teachers. -iticu Erisiond /ournal of Eutucation.

## NEGISTRATION OF TEACHERS-A SUGGESTION.

Tue following admirable suggestion appears in the apitended letter aldressed to the Sinenlmaster. (London, Eng.) :
"Sik, -For tarious reasons I hare thought on the abore subject very much latels. It seems to m: that, in our owin interests, we zeachers should endezwors to urge upon the Department the desitalility of some scheme of segistration.
"Could we not have anoficial - Teaciors' List" simitar to the "Army List' issued, say; half yeatly?
"As I think such = list shoald be confined io cerificated seachers, I wouid suggest that it le drawn up on the plan of the 28 my list. In the first gilace is shoeld contain a complete list of all reachers, who hare reccived the Department's cerificatc, arranged aiphabetically and divideci in:o imo great classes: (i) Those siead, (z) Those alite. The firse tist shoakd gite the date of death. A second list shorid coniain the mames of all living ieacherf, atranged according to the years of the iesme of their ceriifentes. Those no: sersing in elementary schools now might lx pro: inno a scparate list. Meais misth rasis, ie adophed for recurding the class of certificate, and whether the frohes had lrect srained? and, if so, whete? and for how loan. loars faithiails,
"A Northers Teachern"

Jas. A. Minisen has lecen ctraged as assistant teacher in the Gireenlank setiool.
Tran thomsand pahlic schools receire financial s-ppore from the goternment of Mexiro.
Tuf sulary of Niss Na:rrass, of lin $\bar{j}$ ward sch:ool, Iondor. has lecn raised from SEj5 io \$300.
W. A. Minsen reacher of School Siection No a, Aldiroro, has iendered his recig:ation, to take atiect on the first of Noremike.
W.s. Hainey, recently teacher at Byron, and who oisappeared, is in Londonderry, Ireland. He has written from the green iste to his father at Newhury.

Mr. J. G. Carruthers, of the Derewstille Public School, has been appointed head master of the Cayuga Public School, in place of Mr. J. A. Murphy; resigned.

It is the intention of the Brantford l'ublic School trustees to have penmanship taught in the Central School as a separate study, anü a teacher in wr:ling will be appointed.
J. A. Muspuy, head master of Cayuga Public School, has leen appointed gorernor of the county jail, zendesed vacant by the death of his father. The Cayuga Adeocale commends the appointment as a goodone.

Tuz Sherbrooke (Que.) Board of School Commissioners are allowing those teachers onif 2 holiday who will engage to use it in visiting the Convention in Mlontreal. The sest will hate the classes of the absent teachers divided amongst them.

A frovisional teachers' association for South lork has teen formed with the following officers: Inspector Darid Fotheriagham, president : James Hand, Stoufrille, vice-president : J. A. Wismer, larkdale, secretary-treaturer. The regular meetling wiil te held in Janmary; iSS $_{7}$, al Parkdale, when probally 100 seachers will be gresens.

Os Wedneaciay afternoon the pupils in Miss Ridles's clase, Queen sireet schnol, Chatham, presented her with an address and a handsome gold ring and keefer. Miss Ridley, who has leen one of the most efficient members of the Chatham teaching siaff, recently resigned her position, which zerignation took efiect on Thursday. She goes so Winniper to seside with a marrited sister. For some time she had been troubled with the throat aficetion, and a change of climate was tecommended by her physicians.

Wonex:harehithento been exeleded fromithe sitlings of the $\overline{\text { riench A }}$ calemy of Sciences, but 2 the recent meeting the interdiction was raised in favour of Bllle Sophic Rowlewika, Frofexcor of Mathematics 28 the Unirersily of Siockholm, and dagehter of the eminent palcostologist. Adrairal Jurica de la Ciraviete, who presided, welcomed het in craccivi lerms, and said that her greserice shockd le a canse of pride and pleasare, not only to the mathernaticians mesent, but in the whole Acacieng. As she cricted, ithe whole of the mem. leas rose insaluic her. She sook her place beween Genctel fare and al. Chertexl.

A maxce meving of the educalional asuncation for Hadricel. C.B., washeld on Sep:emler iSih, Essass wete rcad ly Mexss J. W. MeDoogall. Fixernan, A. … G. Mafintren, Dr. Heihene.
 Miss Xcid. Impector Gunn, zrofesxional gemilemen, and many oiher oissiders were jweern. The mareling in some respects is cansidered by cumpershi jodifes one of ithe best of an edseaijotal char. Fecer that has leers beld in the proctince. The discussions werc satecesintag and lively, and were
participated in by Kev. Dr. Mcl)onald. Ifon.Mr. McCurdy ard Messrs. Freeman, Mckachen, McDougall, McKinnon, IS. McDonald, A. Mclver, Calder, smith and others. Mr. J. Calder's discussion of "mathematical studies," a passage at arms leiween MeFachen and Freeman, with regard to the value of classical studies, and McEachen's essay, "What to Real, How to Kead it, and Why." were specially admired and enjoyed.

Is his speech at the opening of the durora Bigh School, the Hon. G. WV. Koss, amongst wher temarks, said that Ontasio had a school system which had become a model for other countries, and had lieen copied ing the State of Tennesee and one cf the Australian colonies. The Onario Assembly contained perhaps more teachers in proportion to its members than any other legislative lody in the world, and men on lroth siles of the llouse well willing and able to aid and improve the educa. thonal system. The system was in many respects an ideal one. In the first place the schools were free-free almost from the Kindergarter to the Universit;: Out of 466,000 of children of school age in Ontario there were but 6,230 who altended no school, there were between four and five millions of children in that position out of the fourteen millions of children of the United States. He believed that education being free, the compliment of that was that education should be compuisory: The school system of Ontario was democratic. The Minister of Eiducation was under the control of the representatives of the people-the isustecs wete appointed ar.d controlleti ing the peeple themselves. in the public schools the chiluten of the foot man sat side lry side and competed with, the chilitien of the zich man, and thus the process of levelling; went on, and the nation was saved the disinactions of class, which were not consistent with its institutions. All classes learsed thas to know and respect each othes.

Tue Miteferion (heat holidays) which are now establisted ly law in. Gesmany and Swizerland deserve imitation ererywhere. When the thermometer reaches a certain proint lessons cease. Throaghost l'rossia the niservance of this serularion is compulsory in all pritate as well as in pullic schools Indeed the jrivate school in Presia is fast lrecoming prablit. since no ditccior ur groprictor of a private sciool is allorad to employ as sracher, either male of fermale, any uncerificated person, while eren the tocoke asel in maicaic schools ate brotad to be legitimate schnol chitions syering the coming ictm, for insazace, as a privale school in which ithere are as feast 20 English gitle, the misiress has receired a notification that she mest esce a Srixulausfale of sichillar, in order that the prapils may employ the new spelling witheh ine Minisier of Edacation nors demands. The Rasel Government has just issurd a new regelation for the Hioforcion in the llasel schorols. When :the
 at to oclock in the morning, forliday is :o le pin claimed to the scholars antil the afternuon. Twio sech holidays were proclaimed diuring the trest of last weck, to the no stall delight of the loys ard sislc, whose jelalani gicciting of the announcement conld le heard from the open wioplows of she Gym!

## Examination Papers．

## UATVERSITY OF TORONTO．

aNNUAL ENAMMNTIONS，issG．

## Fanior Matrinulation．

Akts and Memens．
LatiN－lass axib honouks．
Examimer－l．F．Hongiss，M．A．
N．B．－Candidates in Medicine and pass candi－ dates in Arts will take I．and II．Honour candi－ dates in Arts will take II．and III．
 I．
1．（a）Decline in the singularonly ：ident tempus， meus filius，sapientior seticx，guivis，quaestor locuples．
（i）Give the gen：ive singular and the gender of ：nutus，nemo，mu：uv，magis：raus，locus．

2．Give abicr degrect suf comparisun of：senior， mature，faciliter，ardase，sulacius．

3．Write the and sing．of the indicate peesent and future，and of the ：ulyunctive prosetit and imp－ifect of：nulo．edo，co foo，possum．
4．Write a liss of propositions that govern either the accusative or the ablative，and state the differ－ ence in meaning：：ccording to the case．
5 （aj When is ģuis used for a！iqnis？（b）Men－ tion three post jowitive woris．

6．Distinguish the maning of：
（d）consulo se，cemsulu tibi，consulo in te．
（b）caven ：c，caveo tibi．
（c）tempero equis，tempero equ：os．
（d）vir intragri combotis，vis in：esro corpore．
（c）gratias halere，gratias agere．gratiam referre．
7．Write notes expianatory of the construction of the italicized $\mathrm{p}^{2}$ ations of：
（a）Gloria，divitine，honores inocrta ac raduca sunt．
（i）Sfersazdac igisur sumt divitiae et honores．
（1）U．， perdiderunt．
（i）Morais prricalo defuncti sumas．
（c）Jngenis hoc masmi et．

## 11.

Translate into Lazin ：
1．I belicue him to have lreen the first within human wemory to jerpectraic stch a monstrous crime，and 1 hoje he uill be the last to venture on anything of the kirad．
2．It is said that she told many falsetooods in order to make herself seem juugger than she seally was．

3．Whete，said he，lidd you come from and whither and when do you iniend to siatt hence：
s．It was，te used to say，the special peculiarity of Kirgs to envy men who have done them the best service．
5．He repliel hat neariy the whole army had been anmilits：ch，ased that is made no difference wheher it had lecen werwhelmed hy famine，pes－ silence of the cinemy．

6．Tten aga：n，iaking ativantage of ahe change of rise，he endewoured to seach that part of the istand wi．ich was leest for ianding，as he had dis－ covered dering the pectious summer．Aradin this
malier the pluck of the soldiers was especially praiscuorthy，since，though in transports and heavy slips，they hy conimuous rowing kept gace with the ships of war，which were lighter and consequently better adapted for rapid motion．

## Translate：

## 111.

We call gods and men to witness that we have not taken up arms against our father－land，nor to injute any individual，but in ordee to protect our persens from violence，（we）who in our misery and poverty have been deprived，most of us of our country，all of us of fame and fortune．It has not been permitted anj of us to appeal to（uti）law， nor，since we have lost our estat ：s，to enjoy per－ sunal liberty；so great has been the severity of the usurers and of the practor．Ofentimes your ancestors in pity of the Roman plels，by their dectees relieved want；and quite recently． within our recollection，debts due in silver were paid in brass（and that too）with the approval of all good men．Oftemtimes the plelos themselves in－ cited by either the desire of power or hythe hautens of the magistrates，have taken up a－$=$ and seceded from the patricians．We，however，seek not power，but liberis，which no go．．man wiil bear to lose sate with his life．

## MIMSICS．

Examiners－J．М．Ciлкк，M．A．；T．G．СамI＇ netin，B．A．
1．Define velorify，mass，force，emergy，and rrosk．
2．State Newtor＇s three Laws of motion．Give a practical illustration of the application of each of these laws．
3．Shew that a force can le accurately sepre－ sented by a straight lire．
4．Einunciate the principic of tine Parallelogram of Forces．
Two forces $S$ and 10 act at an angle of $60^{\circ}$ ． Find the magnitude of their resultant．

5．What are the conditions that a number of siven furces acting in one plane on diffetent points of a loody may produce cquiiiibriurs．

6．Define pressure of 2 point and shew what is meant $b_{\text {g }}$ saying it is the same in all directions．
－A clused vessel，full of liquid with its upper surface houzontal，has 2 wealk spot in this surface nut catabic of lecaring a pressure of more than S lus，to the square foot．If a pistun be fitted into an agresature in the upper surface whese area is 4 ：quare inches，what pressute upron it will butst the vensel？

7．Sh：w that the pressure at any point of a Jignidat rest varies as ite dicpit below the surface．

A cistern，shagred libe an equilateral iriangle，of which each side is eight fret，is filled with water to the wepth of two lect，find the pressure on the lase and sides of the cistern．

S．Tu what extent is a broly immersed in a thuid pressed upwards？Ilow may this be shewn by expesiment？

Two leudies of weights 5 and 6 Nos．，and specific gravities 7.3 and 12.14 juinst together weish 9 nrs．when inmersed in a certain liquid；find the s．ecific gravity of the liquid．

9．Describe the construction and use of a barometer，and state the advantages and disad－ vantages of the inercury barometer．
If the tulee of a barometer lie $3^{6}$ inches lung， and on account of air being in the upper part the instrument stands at 24 inches when a correct instrument stands at 29．6，compare the density of the air in the impertect harometer with that of the air surrounding it．

10．An elastic hody of specific gravity 6 is com－ pressed to

$$
\frac{204 \cdot n}{20 \div 4^{n}}
$$

of its natural size by inmersion to the depth of $n$ fi．in water．If its weight lie iz ithi，at what depth will a force of three tlrs．keep itat rest ？

## AKTS． <br> LATIN AND GREEK GRAMMAK．

 nonoss．Fxaminer－Geo．H．Romsson，M．A．
1．Decline in combination $\pi u, t \dot{\cup}$ uncias，fer． zurns jocur．
2．Give s！cm and dative plural of $\pi \pi \pi \varepsilon v \subseteq$ ， ү＇ijas，$\sigma \omega \mu \alpha ;$ nix，cinis．forius．

3．Compare Guqús，yepaios．acidar；sieme， aruper．facilis．
4．What auniliagy verlos are found in Greek and Iman？Give examples．

5．Greck and latin fur Sth，1S，2§，So，800．

 sollo，cacio．

7．Explain the forms：pridic，meitercle，mi，



S．Translatc into Einglish，with syntactical notes：
 $6 i 5$ ジミ．

 пípt．

（a）Carita conjurationis carsi sunt．
（b）Cui baro juir？
（（c）Quo Alures crant， 10 major fais caedes．
（d）Nou itc sc ainlor se me furnitcat．
9．Translate inio Giteck ：
（a）You should cultirate（ $\dot{\text {（ }} \delta x f(\omega)$ virtuc．
（ $A$ ）Ife conquered the larimarians in the battle of Marathon．
（y）l＇ersons weze net allowed to go into the General when he wis not at leisure（ $\sigma x 0 \lambda$ cis $\omega$ ）．
（ $\delta$ ）If auy one should do this，he weuld do me a great service（cigrelic）．

10．Translate inso latin：
（a）He is the sume man that ever he was．
（d）Wïh my usual prodence I said nothing．
（d）We liave read this in Virgit．
（ri）IIc praised the soldiets，and dismissed them．

A unsicar．journal of Leipzig states ihat Liszi＇s posthumous pianufortc method，to which all pianists have luecn so eagerly looking forward，is not complete in the nianuscript．

ARTS : YASS-MUDICINE : HONOURS. CHEMISTRY.
Examiner-Frank Thomas Shutt, B.A.
Candidates in Arts will take questions $1,2,3$, 4, 5. Candidates in medicine will take full papers. 1. Write a short account of the chemistry of Hydrogen, giving two methods for its preparation.
2. How is Ammonia prepared? What are its properties?
3. Give equations shewing the decomposition of the following substances by heat: (a) Potassium Chlorate, (d) Ammonium Nitrate, (c) Ammonium Nitrite, (d) Calcium Carbonate, (c) Manganese dioxide.
4. Define the following terms: Malecule, Atom, Equivalent, liadicle, Acid. Base, Salt.
5. State the law of Multiple Iroportions, and illustrate it by the compounds of Nitrogen and Oxygen.
6. Discuss the chemical relations which exist between Chlorine, Iodine, Bromine, and Fluorine.
7. What voiume ( $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $760^{m m}$ ) and weight of Oxygen will be produced on heating 122.5 grammes of Potassium Chlurate?

Calculate what the volume will be at $15^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $740^{m m}$

$$
K=39 ; C l=355, O=16
$$

S. What is understood by the term Quantivalence? Use the elements Carbon, Nitrogen, oy ygen and Chiorine to illustrate your answer.

## Correspondence.


DR. McLEL.LAN'S "ELEMENTS OF ALGEBRA."
To the Eiditor of the Euveational Wembly.
Sik,-The remarks in the Enucational. Weeki.y of September and regarding Dr. McLeellan's new algelora are in the main correct, and show that the writer has some knowledge of what the hook contains. I wish, however, to take exception to the statement that " it would enhance the value of the book if answers were appended."

Now, my opinion-and I have arrived at that opinion after a very careful examination of the work, and after using it in my classes foz a number of months-is that it is the best elementary algelra ever published, and I wish to give some of the reasons why I think sc.

1st. Because answers are not given in the book. It might be an advantage to some teacliers to have answers appended, but I do not see why.
It seems to me that a teacher should be certain that he understands the principles on which the solution of any question that he intends to bring. before the class, depends, and understanding thoroughly the principles he ought to be able to test his work : if lie cannot, he had better leave such questions alone.
It will be understood from what I say that I would have the teacher altempt to teach nothing but what he is thoroughly familiar with. In my
opinion there has been too much working from the answer to the question on the part of both teacher and pupil. For iny part I would like to see the ansuers left out or torn out of all our text books on arithmetic as well. I repeat that if I am not able to solve a question for my class and know positively that the solution is right, I late no business to bring it before them.
Perhaps some will ask, What are we to do if pupils come to a guestion which we do not understand sufficiently to enable us to know that we have ols:ained the correct answer. Well, I would say that if you can explain the question you can know when you get the correct result, and if you cannot explain it properly you had lewter not meddle with it; you are only wasting and worse than wasting the time of the class.

Don't try to make your pupils believe you can solve a problem because you can ditain the answer given in the book, if you cunnot give a reason for every stepl in your solution.
and. The examples in the different exercises are graded better than in other algebras.

This is a very important matter, as"upon it the progress of the pupil to a great extent depends.
grd. The method of treatment of special forms of multiplication and division, G. C. M., L. C. M. and factoring are in many respects animprovement on those of other loonks.

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[^1]:    - Wore-Thex asectores raiaki be enosd by inachers so
    

