

show that you can stay in a place more than one year.

For some time past the editor of the MODERATOR has been aware of the fact that his name has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. We have made no public reference to these unofficial hints but have uniformly spoken a courteous and firm nay. Now that some county associations and many teachers and secretaries are still at work along that line, we think it incumbent upon us to say a word. We should be a clam if we did not feel a certain pleasure in knowing of this confidence and friendliness of the educators of Michigan, we should be a hypocrite if we pretended not to care for it. However much we may be pleased to know of the feeling, we here wish to state once for all that we cannot think of accepting the nomination. By hard work we have fairly started THE MODERATOR on a successful career, and we cannot afford now to be handicapped by an office that will barely pay one's traveling expenses. We can't afford it, even if we thought ourselves competent to fill the position. Some have argued that the duties would not conflict, that there would be time to attend to both the superintendency and the paper. There may be time enough, but the duties of the office would not fit in well with the pushing business of a publisher. We thank our friends sincerely, but decline positively; meanwhile we shall endeavor to do royal service to the schools of Michigan.

An Invitation to Teachers.

HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN,
March 25, 1890.

Editor of the MODERATOR.

My dear Sir:—Will you kindly extend for me, through the columns of the MODERATOR, a most cordial invitation to all the teachers and others who attend the National Association at St. Paul, to visit the Michigan Mining School, and inspect the chemical, assay, mineralogical, petrographical, and geological laboratories, library, machine shop, and

stamp mill; also to examine the collections and work of the State Geological Survey. The school will not be in session, but some one will be at the building during the summer to show visitors the different rooms, especially if a previous notice of the time of the visit has been given. Owing to the stop over privileges allowed by the Duluth, South Shore, and Atlantic Railway, such a visit to the Mining School, as well as the Iron and Copper Mining districts, can be made without extra expense for railway fares. Hoping to see a goodly number of the teachers of the State here, I am,

cordially yours,

M. E. WADSWORTH,
Director.

Flag Days.

- Apr. 19, Battle of Lexington.
- " 30, Inauguration of Washington.
- May 10, Capture of Ticonderoga.
- " 11, Minnesota admitted.
- " 12, Capture of Crown Point.
- " 29, Wisconsin admitted.
- June 1, Kentucky and Tennessee admitted.
- " 15, Washington appointed Commander-in-chief.
- " 17, Battle of Bunker Hill.

Keep Growing.

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COLLEGE.

The following from Pres. C. M. Elliot in his last annual report to the Board of Overseers of Harvard College, shows that the teacher's world is moving on.

Does the reader, if a teacher, keep improving and adopting his method of instruction to the demands of the times?

"During recent years every college teacher has been forced to answer anew the personal questions—what can I best teach, and how shall I teach it? The younger men have been aided and guided somewhat by their elders in the same department; but every man has really been obliged to take up new subjects and to treat them in new methods. There

is not a single member of the faculty, who is today teaching what he taught fifteen years ago as he then taught it."

A Comparison of Cost.

A California exchange gives out the following, which will be interesting reading to some who would have the State print the school books.

"When this year's taxes are paid, the people will begin to realize what State text-books cost. The total expenditure will reach somewhere near \$600,000, and not more than one-half a complete series will be ready for distribution. The whole thing is proving itself a stupendous fraud. For, while the cost per child, for school books, under the old system, was but \$1.30, under the new, it is fully \$3.00. Nor has the end come."

Advice to Young People.

The following from the pen of Dr. Geo. F. Hunting of Alma College will prove beneficial reading for morning exercises:

"All right employments are alike respectable. A first class mechanic is quite as apt to be useful in the world as a second class professional man, better be a good blacksmith than a poor preacher. Determine to be a good something, and work at it until you are master of your business so far as it is in you to be so. But while you are working toward some particular end, secure the broadest education within your reach, not because you will certainly need profound culture in your chosen work, but because that work can be ennobled by culture, and your life made happier and more useful by it. You don't know what you may be called to do. Remember Washington carried the surveyors chain before he found his place as leader of our country's armies and as ruler of our land. Grant reached Appomatox by way of the Galena tan-yard, and Lincoln's first step toward the Whitehouse was from the Mississippi bank to the deck of a flat boat. The secret of the success of these men was largely this, they were ready for what came to them. Be growing every day, learn one new thing every day, get hold of