TEACHERS EXAMINATIONS.—Thenew instructions recently issued by the State to the new County Superintendents will, if rigidly enforced, make very great changes in the administration of our common rehools. The whole instructions are too long for our columns. They, however, contemplate the examination of the teachers in each school district in the presence of the local Directors. They also enjoin that this examination shall be much more largely oral than has been the customin some branches written examinations are still allowed, but only in case of absolute necessity. The new instructions take ground that the temporary annual certificate held by four-fifths of our teachers was not contemplated by the act of 1854, but resorted to by the School Department, because of the impossibility of \$1000 A YEAR and be made by finding a sufficient number of properly enterprising men everywhere, in selling the qualified teachers. That now six years above work, as our inducements to all such having clapsed, he thinks the time has nearly come when these can be entirely dispensed with, and only the professional certificate be used. Some of these recommended changes involve cery important modifications of the administration of our common schools.

AN INTELLIGENT MEMBER OF CON-GRESS .- Tom Florence is the butt of the Jones, House. The other day a motion was Jones made to fix the salary of mail agents at Byam, the maximum rate of \$900.

Mr. Florence: Do I understand the proposition to be to reduce the salary of mail agents to \$900 a year?

Mr. Colfax: That the maximum shall Mr. Florence: I have no objection to Huges,

making that the maximum; but I am opposed to the reduction of the salary of route agents below \$1000. [Great laughter] Pearce, ter. I made a mistake. A Member: At libitum. [Laughter.]

Mr. Florence: I meant the average lives, et. al. sum, but "to err is human; to forgive, Jones, divine." [Renewed laughter.] Iam opposed to fixing the maximum at less than Parker \$1000. [Continued merriment.] Mr. Stevens, for use, Chairman, I am speaking seriously. I Lewis, G'rd'n & Pike Township, know something of this subject.

GOOD AND TRUE .-- The best confeature Wood, of the day is a print representing a gnar- Gridley, ly, rotten log, named "Democracy," lying Phillips, open at the Southern end, marked "Charleston," while the Northern end, marked "Baltimore," is not very strong. The Payne & Co., wedge between is named "Sambo," and a Payne & Co., great big maul, called "The Irrepressible Conflict," is held over the black wedge in the brawny arms of an old rail-splitter, named "Abe," who has his keen eye on the tools as if he was perfectly satisfied to have that blow finish the sundering of the wreck before him. The blow has since fallen, and Sambo has divided the untertified-whack!

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