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THE REVIEW has received reports of the Simplified Spelling Societies, which have their headquarters in London and New York. The English report gives an interesting review of the history of English spelling by the famous etymologist, Professor W. W. Skeat, who is president of the Eng-

lish society; the United States report gives a third list of simplified spellings, of which the Society or Board has approved.

THE symposium on nature study in this number is the most complete series of lessons on that subject that has appeared in the REVIEW, and will, it is hoped, lead to some interesting work in schools during this and the following month. It is the work of Mr. Shaw and Professor Smith, of Truro, and Miss Agnes Spencer, of Halifax—all accomplished nature students.

IT is always a great pleasure to the REVIEW to note that teachers' services are being appreciated, and that an increase of salary is the measure of public appreciation. The salary of the head of one of our leading educational institutions has recently been increased to \$2,500, a recognition that excellent work and ability are beginning to be rewarded here as elsewhere.

CHARLES DARWIN and Abraham Lincoln, probably the two men who wielded the greatest influence in the past century, were born within a few hours of each other, on the 12th of February, 1809, the first at Shrewsbury, England, the second in a humble cabin in Kentucky. Nature had endowed both with a clear vision and eminent natural abilities, but that which serves to make them an example to this day and generation was their beauty of character and their unflinching honesty of purpose.

TEACHERS will find in the "Provisional Nature Study Course," recently issued by Mr. Percy J. Shaw, B. A., chairman of the sub-committee on Nature Study, Truro, N. S., a carefully prepared outline of work from grade one to grade eight. As this course is tentative, teachers are asked to write for it, make a trial of it, and to send any criticisms or suggestions to Mr. Shaw.