

Canadian Government to be organiser and instructor of the Sloyd system of training children in Canada. Mr. Wallace is considered one of the best authorities on the subject in this country, having thrice visited Sweden and studied it on the spot. He is also known as the author of a very complete and popular course of Woodwork for Schools, to be followed immediately by a practical manual on Timber and Tools, both published by Messrs. T. Nelson and Sons. His friends wish him every success.

The *Practical Teacher* of London, England, publishes the above under the heading, "Colonial Appointment for a Scotch Teacher."

—A WRITER in *Leslie's Weekly* is advocating an "Institute of Philippine Dialects," where the young men who are going out to fill positions in the public service on the Islands of the Philippine group may learn the language of the particular tribes to which they may be sent to set forth "Uncle Sam's wishes." Native interpreters have proved unreliable. The educated Filipinos, as well as the natives in Manila and in a few other large cities, speak the language of their Spanish masters, but millions of them know no word of Spanish, and it goes without saying that they do not speak English.

—MELBOURNE, the Capital of Victoria, has been very successful in an experiment with technical schools. Three years from the opening of "The Working-Men's College" 2,000 students were in attendance. The subjects taught fall under nine departments. Among these may be mentioned mathematics, engineering, mining, metallurgy, chemistry, art and applied art, and rural industries. The trades are represented by plumbing, carpentry, coach building, printing, house painting, etc.

—THE city authorities of Berlin have established a kind of botanical garden from which all the city schools are provided with a sufficient number of plants and specimens serving to illustrate botanical and biological instruction. On specified days 50,000 to 100,000 specimens are delivered to the schools and classes studying botany. Both elementary and secondary schools are thus provided.—"Report of the Bureau of Education."

—THE MILLENNIUM OF ALFRED THE GREAT.—The year 1901 will be the thousandth anniversary of the death of