

The twelfth session of the Geological Congress of the World will meet in Canada the coming summer under the honorary presidency of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Governor General. Extensive preparations are being made by the Government of Canada for the meeting at Ottawa, and excursions will be made to all parts of the Dominion. A section of the Congress will visit the Maritime Provinces and inspect some of the interesting geological features of this region. From both an educational and scientific standpoint much may be expected from the interchange of views on Canadian conditions and problems by men of such high reputation as those composing the Congress. This is the third meeting to be held on this side of the Atlantic, the others having been in the United States and Mexico. Thirty-six countries were represented at the last Congress held at Stockholm in 1910, attended by six hundred and twenty-five persons.

"HANDS ACROSS THE SEA."

Following the very successful trip of Canadian teachers to England last year, it is probable that many more will go this year. The "Hands Across the Sea" Movement has been well referred to as one of Empire and education, and is destined to grow more popular for years to come. The League of Empire and the Victoria League of Great Britain are very earnest in their efforts to make the visit of the "Overseas Teachers" profitable.

Altogether the verdict of the teachers who have been able to join the parties which for the past three years have made the trip to England is that they are a success from the point of view of education, recreation and inspiration. Nothing can open the eyes and the minds of our teachers more than a trip to the Motherland; and the advantages of it will tell in the new life and interest it will give to their teaching.

Mr. George A. Inch of the Normal School, Fredericton, the Secretary of the movement for New Brunswick, has sent the REVIEW a summary of last year's trip and the provisional itinerary for 1913. Our space will only allow us to use the latter which we hope will prove of interest to our readers and induce as many as possible to take the trip. The trip includes:

(a) Visit to Oxford.—Here the party will be received and entertained by the local branch of

the Victoria League; and the programme will probably be the same as that of 1912 which was as follows: Sight-seeing among the colleges and places of historic interest, accompanied by members of the Victoria League as guides. Luncheon in the dining hall of Balliol college. Tea in new college hall. Special service in St. Peter's-in-the-East. Luncheon as guests in the homes of members and friends of the Victoria League. Sir William and Lady Osler "At Home." Organ recital in Christ Church cathedral. Visit to Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick Castle. Garden party at "Cherwell" by invitation of Mrs. Haldane.

(b) Coach tour through South Buckinghamshire. Visiting Stoke Poges (scene of Grey's Elegy), the Penn country, Chalfont St. Giles, and Milton's cottage.

(c) London and South of England.—About three weeks will be allotted to this portion of the itinerary. In addition to sight seeing in London, the following places will probably be visited: Bushey, Greenwich, Eton College, Windsor, St. Albans, Portsmouth, Canterbury, Isle of Wight, Aldershot (military camp), and possibly points in Cornwall and Devon.

(d) Paris.—About four days may be devoted to either Paris or the Channel Islands, but it is impossible to say positively at the present time.

(e) Bath and Birmingham.—At the former city special arrangements will be made to see the Roman remains; at the latter, to give an insight into the life and industry of a large commercial centre.

(f) North Wales.—The programme will be very similar to that arranged for in 1911, and will include visits to Chester, Rhyl, Llandudno, Bangor, Criccieth, Carnarvon, etc.

(g) Ireland.—As in 1911, the programme including Dublin, Kilkenny, and Belfast.

(h) Scotland.—Edinburgh will be selected as a centre from which visits will be made to Dunfermline, Stirling, Ayr, Loch Lomond, etc.

(j) Carlisle and the English Lakes.—At Carlisle, arrangements are being made by the Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, to entertain the party as in 1910. From Carlisle the journey will be continued to the English Lakes, where two or three days will be spent with Ambleside as a centre.

A programme or any further information will be supplied on application to Mr. Inch, Normal School, Fredericton.