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THIS number of the REVIEW will reach teachers at the commencement of another year's work. We hope that our readers have a fresh stock of health and a fresh stock of knowledge to begin work. The teacher who does not use every opportunity to increase his power of teaching is false to the trust reposed in him; and to begin the term with abundance of health and knowledge, and the power to preserve that health and add to his stores of knowledge will ensure far better teaching this term than last. Now is the time to make arrangements for a course of reading for the year, either in reading circles or privately. Have some plan with a definite end in view in your year's reading and study.

THE death of Sir Daniel Wilson, President of Toronto University, removes one of the most learned and scientific men of the Dominion. He has been president of the university for thirty-nine years.

AT the Dominion Educational Convention in Montreal in July, Supervisor McKay of Halifax, read a paper on "School Preparation for Industrial Pursuits." The uselessness of much of what the pupil is forced to learn in school as a preparation for the active duties of life was commented upon, and the necessity for a training that should educate the hand and eye was strongly urged. The spirited discussion that took place on the points touched upon in the paper showed the interest that is beginning to be felt

in manual training. Mr. McKay has given the subject much attention and a department in manual training has been opened in connection with the Halifax schools. At Wolfville preparations will soon be complete to carry on manual training in connection with the Seminary, under the supervision of Principal Oakes. These are indications that the desire for a more practical training is gaining ground, and further developments will be watched with interest.

PROF W. C. MURRAY of New Brunswick University, has accepted the Chair of Psychology in Dalhousie University, Halifax, made vacant by the resignation of Professor Seth. The salary is \$2000, and while Dalhousie is to be congratulated in securing Professor Murray's services, the New Brunswick University will miss his ripe scholarship and the excellent qualifications for the position he filled so worthily in his *alma mater* during the past year.

MISS MARGARET STEWART KER, the recently appointed principal of the Halifax Ladies' College, is a distinguished graduate of Girton College, Cambridge, England. The lady is said to possess excellent qualifications for the position, and the Board of Managers are to be commended for the efforts they have made to secure the best talent available for such a responsible position.

Text-Book on Canadian History.

For some time the question of preparing a text book on Canadian history which should have a more national tone, has engaged the attention of many teachers in the Dominion. A committee, consisting of representative educationists from the different provinces, met in Montreal in July, and after a pretty full discussion reached the following conclusions:

1st. It was unanimously agreed that an effort should be made to secure a history of the Dominion of Canada adapted for all the schools of the Dominion.

2nd. It was decided to ask in a public way those who were disposed to undertake this task, to communicate with the secretary of the committee mentioned below.

3rd. The initial expenses of preparing such a history to be borne by the Education Department of each province in proportion to the number of schools in the province, providing the assent of the department is first obtained.