

and the expenditure on education from about \$2,500,000 to approximately \$56,000,000.

Colleges and Universities have grown apace, have strengthened and broadened their scope in the older provinces, and in the newer provinces have laid firm foundations for the increasing needs of the future.

Almon Gunnison, a noted educator, died July 2, at his home in Brooklyn, aged seventy-three. Mr. Gunnison was born in Hallowell, Me. He was President of St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., from 1898 to 1914.

The death of Dr. Thomas Dyson Walker occurred on July 22 at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. He was the son of Doctor and Mrs. Thomas Walker of this city. He received his early education at Rothesay Collegiate school and completed his arts courses at U. N. B. in 1887.

The Rural Science School opened at Woodstock, July 10, in the Fisher Vocational School. The instructors were R. P. Steeves, director of elementary agricultural education; Dr. H. E. Bigelow, Prof. A. F. Baird and F. A. Dixon. The first day's enrolment numbered forty.

ED. NOTE.—It is expected to give a short article dealing with this school in our next issue.

Beginning July 14 Albert College, Belleville, celebrated the sixteenth anniversary of its opening. Opened as Belleville Seminary, it has for this period successfully carried out co-education. Since 1883 it has been teaching all the work of a collegiate institute, besides commercial subjects, music and art. No year in the institution's history has been more successful than the past year. The first great objective in the endowment and extension movement for the college of \$100,000, has been reached. The board has decided to restore the greater part of the classrooms in Massey Hall, which were destroyed by fire.

Professor W. L. Grant, now overseas, will be offered the post of Principal of Upper Canada College. As Professor of Colonial History at Queen's University, Major Grant won a signal reputation as a man of great good sense, unbiased by partisanship and untouched by vain self-conceit. He was born in Halifax, 1872.

According to G. Y. Chown, registrar of Queen's University, says the "Kingston Daily Bee," instruction will not be curtailed at the University next session on account of the war, as rumored.

Dr. G. G. Melvin, medical health officer for St. John commenced the free vaccination of school children in the board of health room St. John, July 23.

Miss Edith M. Hartt, of Fredericton Junction, has very successfully completed the second year of her Arts course, Class Arts '19, at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, and has accepted a position as teacher at Riverhurst, Sask.

FROM THE NEW BOOKS.

It is time that the Universities throughout the Empire should widen their aims and be less niggard in the expenditure of the civic virtue that is latent in them. They are national institutions; they have national obligations, and their obligations are their opportunities. Their students should be many times as numerous as they are at present. They have no right to be cloistered and to minister only to the few.

It is not to be denied that the responsibility for the moral education of the people lies first of all upon the churches. But when social reformers seek for agencies which shall foster and not frustrate the spirit of scientific and undogmatic

enquiry into the matters of the spirit, or which shall, in these times of economic danger, moderate the antagonisms and raise the level of the aims of capital and labour, it is not to the churches that they look. It is to the Universities. From them must flow these influences which shall form the mind of the people to the purposes of a harmonious, peaceful, secure, progressive, happy, and noble citizenship.—The Round Table, June 27.

All the detailed problems presented cover several years of personal work with children in the settlements and the vacation schools of New York City and Pittsburg, and in the regular public schools in various parts of the United States. These problems are practical for school work because we have tried them out on the playground and in the school workshop. In thus being tested, faults of construction have been found and corrected and improvements in design have been made. I have found that working from the drawings of a problem that has not been tested by experience is oftentimes a costly experience. Many of the problems suggested in the boy's magazine have simply been worked out of an adult mind; and when these directions for construction are followed by the boy, the object has oftentimes failed to work. Unless the boy is especially talented or has some one to help him over the obstacles, the difficulty has been so dismaying that it has put a damper on his future self-effort. By having the drawings and photograph accompany definite suggestions for the construction at school or at home, intelligently construct objects that are a source of satisfaction, and pleasure to themselves.—Foreword to William S. Marten, in *Manual Training Problems, for Boys and Girls*, Price \$1.25.

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