

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES AND PATRIOTIC WORK.

The report in our school and college notes for March of the Course at Sussex given by the Women's Institute Division of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture gives the impression that \$1,200 was the total sum raised by the Women's Institutes during the year, for patriotic purposes. This is far from just to the generous and untiring industry of the members of these organizations, as the following report shows. The amount of \$1,200 stands to the credit of the Sussex Institute alone.

From August, 1914, to December, 1915, the New Brunswick Women's Institutes contributed towards patriotic work, in the following manner:

To the Patriotic, Belgian Relief and Hospital Ship Funds.....	\$4,085 28
Motor-Ambulance, Machine Gun and Soldiers' Disablement Funds.....	2,554 03
Patriotic Societies (Red Cross, etc.).....	1,138 50
Hospital Beds and Surgical Supplies.....	1,033 92
Total.....	\$8,811 73

Money was also raised in various ways to carry on Red Cross and Soldiers' Comfort work. Altogether 10,694 articles were made for the soldiers and hospitals, and 4,641 pairs of socks knitted and forwarded. Besides the money given to the Belgian Relief Fund, 114 boxes of food and clothing were sent to these unfortunate people.

BIBLE READINGS FOR OPENING EXERCISES.

1. Genesis xli, 1-7, 28-30.
2. Genesis xlvii, 1-12, 27-31.
3. Genesis xlviii, 1-13.
4. Genesis xlviii, 14-22.
5. Genesis xlix, 1, 2, 29-33.
6. St. Matthew xix, 16-22.
7. St. Matthew xix, 29; xx, 16.
8. St. Matthew xx, 25-34.
9. St. Matthew xxi, 1-11.
10. St. Matthew xxi, 12-19.
11. Genesis i, -7-26.
12. Exodus i, 1-14, 22.
13. Exodus ii, 1-10.
14. Exodus ii, 11-25.
15. Exodus iii, 1-10.
16. St. Matthew xxi, 33-42.
17. St. Matthew xxii, 1-14.
18. St. Matthew xxii, 15-22, 35-40.
19. St. Matthew xxv, 1-13.
20. St. Matthew xxv, 14-30.

THE CURRENT HISTORY CLASS.

1. How many nations are now engaged in the War? Name them. What was the occasion of Germany's declaring war against Portugal? Turn to the list of declarations of war in the November REVIEW and bring it up to date.

2. What new territory has lately come under the control of the United States? What is the past history of this country?

3. Discuss the reasons why Turkey might be willing to ask for a separate peace.

4. When did wireless telegraphy begin to be used for practical purposes? Give instances of the use of recent electrical inventions or discoveries in the present war.

5. A traveller from England to Ceylon in January, writes, "At Malta it was reported that we must return and go round by the Cape." It was only a report; what conditions probably gave rise to it?

FOR SCHOOL AND OTHER GARDENS IN ROCKY PLACES.

For school grounds that are too rocky to be plowed, a very simple treatment will improve them wonderfully. Such grounds usually have generous patches of earth among the rocks. Early this spring (since it was not done last fall), have the ground dug with a pick or a spade. Then it can be levelled with a garden rake. About May 24, mix the seeds of Shirley Poppies, Bachelor's Buttons and Sweet William, and scatter them broad-cast over the ground; and gently rake the ground to cover them. They must not be covered deeply. Unless the soil is naturally wet, immediately before a rain is the best time to plant them. — *Rural Science Bulletin*.

THE TREES.

Time is never wasted listening to the trees;
If to heaven as grandly we arose as these,
Holding towards each other half their kindly
grace,
Haply we were worthier of our human place.

Every tree gives answer to some different mood;
This one helps you, climbing; that for rest is
good;
Beckoning friends, companions, sentinels they are;
Good to live and die with, good to greet afar.

—Lucy Larcom.