

THE FLAG.

All the boys and girls in our schools learn that the Union Jack is made up of the three crosses of England, Scotland and Ireland, and is thus truly the flag of the Union. In one sense, then, they learn the meaning of the flag. But are we as careful to teach them the uses of the flag, and how they should treat it?

What does the flag stand for? It is the outward sign of the authority of our country. Wherever the flag of the Empire flies, it says, "Here is something belonging to the Empire, which the people of the Empire have undertaken to protect." Wherever the flag is lowered, or taken away, it is a sign that our country has no longer the power or the will to rule or protect in that place.

It is a reminder of the many brave men, who have fought under it, and for it. It is the symbol of our loyalty to our King and Country.

In itself it is nothing, but as the outward sign of all these it is a sacred thing. Are we careful to treat it with due reverence?

A few years ago, during a procession through the streets of a Canadian town, a small torch-bearer was seen trying to set fire to a corner of the flag, that hung within reach of his torch. What had he been taught about respect for the flag and for what it represents? After a public holiday or patriotic celebration, it is no uncommon thing to see tawdry little flags lying about on floors or pavements, and the use of these in cheap decoration naturally tends to bring them into contempt. This is not a right use for the flag which is hung in churches as a sign of loyalty and devotion to a principle. And what about some of the flag-drills and games with flags, that are suggested for school use? Do they all conduce to respect? We fear not. Teach the children that the flag is too sacred to be used as a plaything.

For Honour, not honours.

Let all good things await,
Him who cares not to be great,
But as he saves or serves the state.

The Throne is established by righteousness.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

The Calendars of the Summer School of Science and of the New Brunswick Summer Rural Science School have been received.

The first named school meets this year under new conditions. United with the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Summer School, it will hold its session under the auspices of the P. E. I. Department of Agriculture. By this arrangement, tuition in all the regular courses is offered free. Special attention will be given to Nature Study and Agriculture, but other subjects are not slighted. Many of our readers will be interested to know that the course in English Literature will be taken by a specialist in that subject, and that particular attention will be given to methods of teaching prose selections. The reading includes The Essays of Elia, Macbeth, and The Lay of the Last Minstrel. We can assure teachers of this subject that the course will be both interesting and profitable.

The accommodation at the N. B. Rural School to meet at the New Vocational School at Woodstock, July 8, to August 5, is limited to ninety, and nearly as many applications have already been received. Travelling expenses of students will be paid upon conditions stated in the Calendar. In addition to courses in Agriculture, a Domestic Science Course is offered, including instruction in Cooking, Sewing, Sanitation, Hygiene and Home Nursing.

We have also received the Calendar of the McGill University Summer School for Librarians, to meet from June 24 to July 24.

CITIZENSHIP.

"The science of citizenship if taught in our schools would turn out men and women with patriotic ideals of public duty, would make it impossible for unworthy men to reach high places. Without the science of citizenship we can never attain national greatness, provincial importance or civic advancement. The place where citizenship should be planted in the heart of every boy and girl is at school. There an understanding should be born, showing the duties each owes to his neighbor, the community he lives in and the country to which he owes his allegiance."—Major G. W. Stephens, in a patriotic address at McGill College, Toronto.