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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

FOUR EXTRA PAGES have been added to this month's issue of the REVIEW, making twenty-eight pages in all. This extra space is to make room for our correspondents and to make up for the extra space given to advertisers, which has been a little larger this year than last.

THAT excellent work, "Meiklejohn's English Language," has been prescribed by the Board of Education for New Brunswick as an additional text-book in grammar, composition and literature for school license of Class I. It is also the prescribed text-book in English for matriculation into the N. B. University.

WE notice that our veteran educationist, Principal McN. Patterson, has been "going for the local government" at the agricultural centennial for not placing the Bible in the public schools as a text-book. Premier Fielding seemed to think that those trained in

and for the various churches might have the confidence of their respective denominations in biblical instruction, but that it would not be popular to compel partially instructed teachers to assume the responsibility of instructing all denominations in a text-book the interpretation of which is the foundation of denominational existence. Better the liberty that now is. But Principal Patterson's practice has been better tested than his theory referred to, for Acacia Villa enjoys the highest reputation for the full rounded education given. The moral, the physical, the practical, the theoretical and the æsthetic being all duly and harmoniously developed. We are glad to notice the flattering comments bestowed upon it in the press.

THE article by Dr. MacGregor in another column will be read with much interest by advanced school teachers.

Dr. J. George Hodgins, Deputy Minister of Education, Ontario, has prepared an exceedingly interesting and valuable work entitled "Ryerson Memorial Volume, 1844-1876." It not only gives a panoramic glimpse of the life, educational times, work, and public appreciation of this most eminent of Canadian educationists, but of the development of the educational system in Ontario from the earliest times. This picturesque compilation is a cluster of pen photographs from nature arranged and framed with most effective skill. No one could be better fitted than Dr. Hodgins to produce such a work. Though of nearly quarto size it contains only some 130 or 140 pages.

WE conclude in this number the article by Dr. Fitch. Our readers will find it a good tonic—to be kept at hand and read now and then to arouse fresh enthusiasm in our English literature.

THE letter of Professor MacGregor, of Dalhousie, urging the Dominion Government to assist in studying the marine currents in our coast waters is being generally copied and endorsed, as we would expect, by the public press of the Atlantic provinces of Canada.