

Some people seem never to grow old. Years do not seem to lessen their spirit and mental powers. It will be found that such people have had some worthy object in life, devotion to which has kept their minds alert and their sympathies warm. A *Truro, N. S.*, paper contained the announcement a few days ago that Mrs. Condon had delivered an inspiring address to the students in training in the Normal College. Mrs. Condon in the course of her useful life has been an unswerving advocate of Kindergarten principles, and now in the feeble health incident to declining years, but with her rare intellectual powers still clear and vigorous, her voice, not heard in public for many years, still rings true.

Dr. J. George Hodgins, historiographer of the Education Department of Ontario, is doing for that province what should be done in the other older provinces of the Dominion—collecting and publishing educational material that will prove of the greatest interest and value in the years to come. In a special historical volume of over three hundred pages, Dr. Hodgins has presented the results of his tireless industry and patience in compiling the data of the establishment of the schools and colleges of Ontario. The book is liberally illustrated with the pictures of schools, ancient and modern, and with the portraits of educational men of mark.

With this number the REVIEW enters upon the second half of its twenty-fourth year. It is growing in years and, we hope, in influence. It has been for nearly twenty-four years under one management. When the REVIEW was started it took a good deal of persuasion to convince a teacher to subscribe for an educational journal. Now, a teacher's paper that has something to offer has subscribers. The result is that the REVIEW has more subscribers this year than ever before.

This is the time of year when hot, close school-rooms begin to have their effect in headaches and weariness among teachers and pupils. Throw open the windows for a few minutes at intervals and renew the air and refresh the spirits.

The REVIEW supplement picture for this month recalls that when Christ was on earth He was good to children. What an example to mankind to make the world brighter and better for children!

### December Skies.



Last month were given some of the constellations of the eastern sky, extending from the horizon towards the zenith. It will be interesting to trace the progress of these constellations, rising four minutes earlier each evening, through this month; and it is hoped that the skies may be clearer than in November.

High in the northeast is Cassiopeia's Chair, the chief stars of which form an irregular W, with a shallow and deeper V. The "chair" is in a very topsy-turvy position. In fable, Cassiopeia was the wife of Cepheus and mother of Andromeda. Another mythical personage, Perseus, is represented by the constellation to the right, below Cassiopeia. He was the hero who slew the dreaded Gorgon, Medusa, whose head, covered with snakes instead of hair, he bears in his left hand, while in his right hand he flourishes a sword. A small field glass will enable one to see the cluster of beautiful stars in the hilt and the two brighter stars in the blade of the sword.

The field glass will also enable one the better to pick out the head of Medusa, which contains the re-