

the president and the secretary of which, we are proud to number among our fellow teachers. Take advantage of these facilities and I am sure you will soon become more interested in a subject which, for pupils in our day, had no existence.

In conclusion, I have tried to present this subject to you not from the standpoint of the faddist, but from the standpoint of one who believes that our primary schools, dealing as they do with the masses, must continue to fit our people for the affairs of every day life. At the same time I am convinced we can do much to train the future men and women of this province, that there is lying everywhere around them a means of creating a disposition to appreciate the sentiments of the poet who said:

"Nature never did betray  
The heart that loved her; 'tis her privilege,  
Through all the years of this, our life, to leap  
From joy to joy; for she can so inform  
The mind that is within us, so impress  
With greatness and beauty, and so feed  
With lofty thoughts, that neither evil tongues,  
Rash judgments, nor the sneers of selfish men,  
Nor greetings where no kindness is, nor all  
The dreary intercourse of daily life,  
Shall e'er prevail against us, or disturb  
Our cheerful faith, that all which we behold  
Is full of blessings."

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### SOME BIRD HABITS.

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Several years ago my brother Stuart drew my attention to some remarkable habits practised by the Killdeer Plover while endeavoring to preserve its eggs from enemies. He had observed that this bird, while sitting upon its eggs, when disturbed by a dog, would leave the nest and flutter along the ground as if badly injured, as many other birds are known to do, and so entice the dog away. But, if the danger came from a cow, or horse, the tactics were changed and the bird, with wings and feathers spread out, would run into the animal's face and so by startling it drive the intruder aside. In the former instance the