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The Empire Day Concert given at the Fredericton, N. B., Opera House, on the evening of the 23rd May by the pupils of the public schools under the leadership of Professor F. W. Harrison, was triumphant evidence of the wisdom of introducing music in the schools. The sight reading and singing tests were given with ease and correctness, and such choruses as "Sweet and Low" and "Rule Britannia" rendered with fine effect. The concert was entirely satisfactory to the lovers of good music and showed the progress that is being made in the cultivation of the voices of the children.

The Teachers' Institute, of Charlotte County, N. B., will meet at St. Andrews on Thursday and Friday, September 28th and 29th.

The biennial Normal Institute for the teachers of the six eastern counties of Nova Scotia will be held this year at Baddeck, C. B., beginning on Monday evening, September 25th.

The Campbellton, N. B., school is working under some difficulties. The temporary building erected to replace the one destroyed by the great fire is overcrowded and most of the grades can only get a half day session. The new school building will probably not be ready for occupation before the first of January next.

Miss Clara B. Hay, of the Sussex, N. B., staff of teachers, has resigned her position much to the regret of the school board and the public.

The annual Convocation for the conferring of degrees in the faculty of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal, was held June 5th. The gathering was a notable one. Earl Grey was the guest of honor, and there were many distinguished graduates present. It was announced that Lord Strathcona had donated \$100,000 for the completion of the equipment of the new million dollar medical building.

Dr. Fred W. Kelley, who has been teacher of English literature and history in the Montreal high school has resigned after thirty-six years' service. Dr. Kelley is a Nova Scotian, and has usually spent his vacations in the land of his birth, gathering fresh inspiration and strength from its invigorating sea breezes and healthgiving resorts.

Mr. T. B. Kidner, former government supervisor of manual training for Nova Scotia, and for the past six or seven years occupying the same position in New Brunswick, has been made director of technical schools in Calgary.

Dr. and Mrs. Soloan, of Truro, have returned from their trip to Bermuda greatly benefitted in health.

RECENT BOOKS.

A seasonable and useful book is the *Fundamentals of Agriculture*. The list of authors includes a very large number of specialists, each of whom has written authoritatively upon the subjects best known to him. The range of topics includes all of those of interest and value to those who till the soil in farm or garden, who raise fruits or vegetables, or animals, and also gives definite directions for the control of plant diseases, the building of roads, planning for the health of the country home, and upon scores of other subjects of practical interest. The book is adapted to all sections of the country, and may be used either for reading and instruction or as a reference book. (Cloth; pages xiv-492; price, \$1.20. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.)

Education as Growth; or the Culture of Character is a book for parents and teachers and bears evidence of careful and thoughtful preparation. It is optimistic in tone, fitted to inspire young people with a desire for happy and useful living. It applies the latest results of study in psychology to the problems of home and school education of the young. (Cloth; pages, 275. Ginn & Company, Boston.)

School Organization is a fine presentation of educational methods pursued by the best English teachers. Sir James Yoxall contributes an introduction in which he claims for the elementary school its proper place in a system of national education. Although prepared for student teachers in training, it presents us with the best thoughts on the English methods of education at the present time. (Cloth; pages xxxii-373; price, 3s. University Tutorial Press, Burlington House, Cambridge, England.)

In Black's admirable series of Regional Geography, the attempt is made to familiarize students with the chief physical features and to show the home environment of different countries. In *Europe and the Mediterranean Region* the text descriptions of places are in clear type, and the pictures are especially appropriate to a book on geography. (Cloth; pages 184; price, 1s 4d. Adam and Chas. Black, London.)

The Elementary Course in English, which the author tells us has grown out of the needs of a particular group of