

can be employed to do their duty without fear or favour in looking after those who fail to attend school.

In regard to a much vexed question, Dr. Bridges, Superintendent of Schools, St. John, offers an excellent suggestion :

It would also be an advantage to have one or more ungraded schools throughout the city, to which pupils could be sent who, through want of natural ability, or owing to irregular attendance, or some other cause, have fallen behind in their work. It must be remembered that the graded school is intended chiefly for the average child, and that it is not always possible for a teacher to adapt his methods to the child who does not come up to the regular standard. A pupil who is defective in natural ability soon drops out of his place in the graded school, loses heart, and either idles away his time, or leaves school untrained. An ungraded school would be the simplest method of giving proper attention to such pupils, and could be established without a great deal of expense.

In the course of his able report on the Halifax Academy, Supervisor McKay says :

Free high schools are most valuable on account of the way in which they stimulate a large proportion of the teachers and pupils of the higher grades of the common schools. The desire of the pupils to get into a higher grade is one of the greatest incentives to good work in all the lower grades. The ambition to get into the academy begins to exert its good influence even in the seventh grade. It almost becomes a dominant passion with a majority of those in the eighth grade. When pupils become so eager to learn they are easily managed and do good work. There should, therefore, at every stage of the pupil's progress, be held before him a higher ideal to which he may hope to attain if circumstances permit—an ideal which will be continually inspiring him to greater effort. There should be no break in our educational system from the kindergarten to the university.

Apropos to suggestions made on another page of this month's REVIEW, to make the course in our normal schools more effective, we quote from Principal Mullin of the N. B. Normal School :

It may well be questioned whether the time has not come to require at least a year's experience in teaching as a part of the qualification for first class. \* \* \* Each instructor is required to devote at least two hours per week to giving practical illustrations of method as related to his or her subject. So far as this aims at making the school more and more a professional one it is a step in the right direction, but it must be followed by more attention to the acquisition of practical familiarity with methods of teaching and school management to make it effective. \* \* \* We are obliged still to do much elementary work in arithmetic and language—more than we should. The course in mathematics, too, covers the ground required for the various classes of license, and is largely a review of what has been done with more or less thoroughness in the schools. I hope to see the day, and that shortly, when the Normal School will be free to take and hold its own place in our system of public schools; and when its strength will be expended in securing a sound theoretical and practical acquaintance with education, its principles and its practice, its history and its literature. I am glad to note every indication that that day is not far distant.

There are many other practical and valuable hints that we should like to make use of from our school reports if space permitted, but we shall return to the subject again. Our inspectors and other school officers, whose duties bring them in constant contact with teachers and schools, have it in their power by wise and judicious criticisms of existing methods and conditions to do much to improve the status of common school education.

## SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

The New Brunswick departmental examinations for University Matriculation, High School Leaving, and Normal School Entrance, will begin on Tuesday, July 4th, at 9 a. m. In the City of St. John they will be held in the high school building on Union Street.

The Indiantown school building was burned in the recent disastrous fire in St. John. It was a school of ten departments and will no doubt be replaced by a much more modern structure.

At the Arbor Day observance in Little Ridge, Charlotte county, the school was presented with a handsome picture of the Queen, by Mrs. M. Bohan, a former teacher.

Two New Brunswick girls have taken very high standing at the Calais, Me., high school this year. Miss Hand, a Carleton county girl, is the valedictorian, and Miss Hill, of St. Stephen, is among the leaders.

Among the best observances of Arbor Day this year were those of Moore's Mills and Basswood Ridge, Charlotte county. The teachers, Mr. Chas. Richardson and Miss Ethelyn Young, succeeded in interesting the people to join in the observance with excellent results.

The Empire Day observance in St. Andrews, N. B., was of the most patriotic nature. In the afternoon a large number of parents and others were present.

The Alumni and Alumnae Society of the St. John high school has raised enough money to purchase a piano for the school.

There is some confusion in the interpretation of the regulation in New Brunswick relating to Arbor Day reports. The rule has been, if the day has been observed, to report without calling the roll. This year in some places there was one session with roll-call and no report. This practice will likely grow and no adequate record can be kept of the observance.

Inspector Carter furnishes the REVIEW with the following list of applicants in his district for the July examinations. The number will be added to.

	St. John Sta.	St. Stephen Sta.
University Matriculation and		
Leaving.. .. .	33	14
I. Class.....	36	18
II. Class.....	50	29
III. Class.....	3	1
Total,	122	62

W. A. Alward, principal of the Sussex Grammar School, has resigned. His position will be filled by J. A. Allen, now in charge of the second department.

At the recent convocation at McGill the degree of M. A. was conferred on Miss Susan Cameron, a graduate of the Girls' High School, St. John, and a graduate in arts at McGill.

Empire Day was celebrated at the Port Elgin, Westmorland County, school by a series of exercises by the pupils, by the presentation of a flag by Dr. Carter, and addresses to the children and guests present from prominent residents of the place.