

These lessons on birds should not be closed without some reference to poultry raising as a branch of farm industry. As a teacher, study the subject, and direct your pupils to books, especially to Dominion and Provincial reports on Agriculture. The Dominion Experimental Farm's Report annually devotes a section to the Poultry Manager's Report. It often contains valuable information, and should be carefully read. Send for such reports, if not already to hand, to the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and to the Departments of Agriculture of the various Provincial Governments at their respective capitals. Ask for special bulletins on the subject, as they are published from time to time.

Follow up this work by helping your advanced pupils to prepare a statement of the initial cost, and the yearly keep of a flock of twenty-five hens, along with a counter statement of the returns from the same. Find the profit or loss on this transaction. Before leaving this work make it your business to show how poultry can be made to yield a good profit. This gives a good exercise in bookkeeping, and stimulates activity in home and school.

While preparing your bird lists, and looking for bird tracks, be on the watch for evidence of fur-bearing animals. Start lists for the different kinds in your district. The lists of advanced pupils should be for your province. Nature study of fur-bearing animals will be taken up in the February REVIEW.

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Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to accept a copy of "Canada and Newfoundland," seven lectures prepared for the Visual Instruction Committee H. M. Colonial Office, by A. J. Sargent, M.A., and published by Messrs. George Philip & Son. Ltd., 32 Fleet Street, London.

These lectures were noticed in the REVIEW for September, 1913.

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Time is the most important thing in human life —  
For what is joy after its departure? — and the most  
And smiles an angel, or a fury frowns.

— Edward Young

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Life is short and we have never too much time for  
gladdening the hearts of those who are travelling the  
dark journey with us. — Amiel's Journal.

## CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARIES OF THE WAR OF 1812.

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### XVIII.— The End of the Montreal Expedition.

February 11.— When General Wilkinson, having brought his army of ten thousand men within three days' journey of Montreal, stopped them at St. Regis because Hampton's army of four thousand more was not there to meet them, he announced that the attack on Montreal was suspended, but not abandoned. His intention was to wait there through the winter, and go forward in the spring.

He therefore went into winter quarters at Salmon River. But sickness and hunger, deaths and desertions, had so weakened his army before the winter was half over that he received orders to break up the encampment; and preparations for this movement were begun on the third of February, 1814. The boats, more than three hundred of them, were burned and sunk; the wooden sheds in which the men were housed were given to the flames; everything else of value which they did not intend to take with them was thrown into the river or burned. Two thousand of the men were sent back to Sackett's Harbour under General Brown; and the remainder, under Wilkinson himself, now reduced to about six thousand, broke camp on the eleventh of February and followed along the line of Hampton's retreat to Plattsburg. There the union with Hampton's army was at last accomplished. A body of British regulars and Canadians, having crossed the St. Lawrence on the ice, followed Wilkinson's retreat, and captured some of his sledges loaded with the stores and provisions. This foray seems to have been quite unexpected, for it met with no resistance. Wilkinson had provided no rear guard for his supplies.

The people of Montreal had looked forward with dread to the coming of that army in the spring. They learned with relief that it had melted before the melting of the snows.

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An subscriber in New Brunswick writes:  
"I shall be very glad to have the paper this year, as I really do not know how I should get on without some of the hints and advice I find in its columns."