

questions set in the magazines. All such help is gratuitous.

While reading in circles or clubs is recommended, and suggestions are furnished for the formation of them, the individual reader is quite as well provided for, and no one should hesitate about joining the Union because he or she has to be the only member in the locality.

The reading session of the Special Courses begins in October and ends in June. The other courses begin in September and end in May. But members are received at any time during the season. Their subscriptions may date back to the beginning of the session, or may cover the following twelve months, as they choose. There are no rules for regulating the reading; members are free to give to it whatever time they find convenient.

A Summer Assembly of members and their friends is held every year at some place of historic interest in England. Lectures are given by well known lecturers, and excursions are arranged. Such a meeting would be a delightful objective to any of our teachers who are planning a visit to the Mother-country.

The book-lists for 1912-1913 have not yet been received, so that the courses for the coming year cannot be indicated until next month, but I shall give here some particulars from the *General Course* book-list of a former year. Eleven general subjects were offered. 1. The Open Air. 2. Early Man and His Life. 3. Citizenship. 4. The Anti-Slavery Movement. 5. Social Life Among European Nations: Germany. 6. The Story of the English Bible. 7. Words and Their History. 8. Old Greek Life. 9. Some Social Movements as Reflected in Novels. 10. Shakspeare and His Dramatic Art. 11. General Literature. All the required books in any one or more of these divisions might be read, or selections could be made from any, or all of them. Four books, carefully read, entitle the reader to a certificate. The *Introductory Course* for the same year included the following books: Jefferies' *The Open Air*; Geddes' *Chapters in Modern Botany*; Prince Kropotkin's *Mutual Aid*; Trench's *Study of Words*; Shakspeare's *King Lear*.

A few of the books in the "Required" lists are: White's *Natural History of Selborne* (price 1s.); Clodd's *Story of Primitive Man* (1s.); Ruskin's *Unto This Last* (6d.); Lincoln's *Speeches* (1s.); Morris's *Earthly Paradise* (1s.); George

Eliot's *Adam Bede* (1s.); Sidney Lee's *Life and Works of Shakspeare* (2s. 6d.); Stevenson's *Memories and Portraits* (2s.). The prices of these are quoted from the book list to give some idea of the expense of a course. These are English publishers' prices, and allowance must be made for postage and duties. On the other hand, so many of the books are standards, that some would almost certainly be already available. The annual fee, it should be remembered, covers not only the subscription to the magazine, but the postage.

The Union publishes a monthly magazine, called *The Reader's Review*, for the guidance of readers in public libraries and others in the choice of books.

Full information about the N. H. R. U. can be obtained from "The General Secretary, 12 York Buildings, Adelphi, London, W. C."

A specimen copy of the General Course magazine, and some of the leaflets may be had upon application to Miss Eleanor Robinson, 2 Wright Street, St. John, N. B.

[It should be noted that the details of the information about the N. H. R. U. are offered subject to correction in the next issue, as the writer has been unable to bring it up to date.]

From Miss Crowell, the Winner of the Review Scholarship.

DEAR SIR,—I wish to thank you for the scholarship of \$20, given by you to the Summer School of Science, which I was fortunate enough to win.

This was my second year at the Summer School, and I hope that it may not be my last. Surely the governments of the different provinces will do more for its support since its needs have been brought so clearly before them.

Thanking you again for your generosity, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

ANNIE E. CROWELL.

Port LaTour, N. S., Aug. 7, 1912.

I have been greatly pleased with the REVIEW this last term, and hope that it will prove just as helpful this year.

M. S. F.

I had thought of giving the REVIEW up, but find the Current Events too important to be missed. Please continue it.

S. M. M.