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NOTICES of new books and other matter, crowded out this month, will appear in the July-August number, to appear on or before the 10th of August.

THE excellent summary on another page of a recent article in the *Atlantic Monthly* is of special interest just now.

MR. J. VROOM, of St. Stephen, makes a suggestion to the REVIEW about commemorating the Jubilee year that has much to recommend it. He advises that pupils of schools plant seeds of oak, beech, butternut, maple, or other tree; or, as it is rather late in the season for this, to go to the woods and obtain this year's seedlings, and transplant them for a Victoria or Cabot tree. "There is much pleasure," he adds, "as well as

good training involved in growing a tree from seed, and such a tree is much more fitting as a memorial than one of indefinite age, that only has the date of its last removal to connect it with the event commemorated."

At a recent meeting of the St. John Board of Trade addresses were given favoring the introduction of manual training in the public schools, and of the establishment of a technical school in the city. It will be seen in the report of the closing of Mt. Allison Institutions that steps are to be taken to introduce manual training there at an early day. These evidences of awakening interest in this important matter are none too soon. Everywhere it is acknowledged that public school training is defective if it does not give instruction to the masses in some definite training of the eye and hand which will have the effect, at least, of leading to a liking and respect for industrial pursuits and giving some preliminary training therein. The Province of New Brunswick is very much behind in this respect. Outside of the work that the Y. M. C. A. in St. John is attempting to do in this direction, we know of no systematic attempt being made to introduce manual training. What time more appropriate than the Jubilee year to establish such schools?

University of N. B.

This excellent institution has completed another year of usefulness, and the large attendance, despite the unfavorable weather and the more than usual interest in the proceedings, demonstrate in an unmistakable manner the warm interest taken by the people of the province in the welfare of the university. The graduating class is smaller this year than usual, but it has been unfortunate in retaining its members owing to sickness and other causes, as in all there have been twenty-three students embraced in it. The university has always been conservative in granting honorary degrees—too much so in the opinion of many for the advancement of her material interests. No one will find fault this year with what has been done in this respect. Premier Mitchell's long and valuable services to the university, both in the capacity of member of the government and senate, place him conspicuously in the front rank of the