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Any subscriber sending us the number of the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW for February, 1896, will be credited with six months subscription. We need this number to complete a set for one of our college libraries.

Dr. A. H. MacKay, Superintendent of Schools, has asked the REVIEW to state that the new arithmetic for common schools in Nova Scotia is not being promptly supplied by the publisher. In the meantime, teachers may use the old arithmetic.

The demand for growing teachers is becoming more insistent every day, and teachers must give proof that they are growing by doing definite work, such as carrying on regular studies during term time and more or less in vacation, and above all to be thoroughly prepared on each day's school work. And the best of it is these growing teachers are making life vitally interesting to themselves and to others. They are growing, but not growing old. This they steadily refuse to do.

Most of our teachers have now been at work for several weeks. Are your pupils alert, ambitious and studious? or are they sluggish, with no aim or purpose? Have you succeeded in making them realize that the work of each day well done will mean promotion at the end of the term and finally a triumphant going out of school, well prepared for life and its duties? If you can make your pupils work with a purpose in view, then school life will mean something to them.

A teacher writes to the REVIEW that she arrived home at night time from the Summer School at Yarmouth. Before resting she was impelled to go to the school garden, which she found to her delight in excellent condition. She adds: "It was 2 a. m., and there being a little stray moonlight, I could see the rows of vegetables looking so high and luxuriant, that I went in and felt them with my hands before I could believe there was such an improvement." Truly, it is good to be interested.

Professor H. G. Perry sends from the Summer School, Yarmouth, specimens of the Chain Fern (*Woodwardia virginica*) collected in that vicinity. He writes: "We found a large area of this fern. It extends for several rods along the shore of Agard's Lake growing out into the water, mingled with sphagnum moss. The area is exposed to direct sunlight, but has an abundance of water. The fronds growing among the sphagnum out in the water were five or six feet tall. There were

