

is more than counterbalanced by the disadvantage of crowding too much work in too short a time. It is hoped also that some of the examiners will moderate their zeal for giving long and intricate papers. Some of the papers set in the past have not only been long but very difficult to interpret.

It is pleasing to note the increase of interest in Arbor Day observance each year. This year, in addition to programmes and work on the school grounds, the observation has extended to the roadsides, and in many districts the people have been interested to improve their own premises and the appearance of the locality. May this good work extend.

*The School World* is the name of a new monthly magazine of educational work and progress issued by the Macmillan Company, London. The first four numbers have been received. They give evidence of a desire on the part of editors and publishers to help teachers in their work, to stimulate ideas for better education among intelligent readers, and to create a desire for the best methods of teaching and school government, in which it gives promise of much usefulness.

"Our Flag and Empire" is the title of a new Canadian song, dedicated to the Hon. G. W. Ross, LL. D. It was composed by Dr. J. M. Harper and set to music by Mr. H. O'Connor Budden. It is lively and inspiring, and promises to be a valuable addition to our school songs.

A DELIGHTFUL vacation trip is being arranged to the International Convention of Christian Endeavor Societies at Detroit, Mich., July 5th to 10th, 1899. The party will start from the Maritime provinces on Monday, July 3rd, and will stop en route at Montreal over Tuesday, going thence direct to Detroit; returning, to leave Detroit at midnight, Monday, July 10th, stopping over at Toronto, Niagara Falls and Ottawa, and arriving in St. John by noon of Thursday, July 14th. A personally conducted excursion, including railway and sleeping car fares, hotel bills, etc., of less than \$60 for the eleven days' trip. For full information write to A. H. Notman, Assistant General Passenger Agent, C. P. R., St. John, N. B.

A PART of the committee appointed to take preliminary steps to establish a Dominion Bureau of Education met at Ottawa recently and laid the matter before the premier. The plan is to establish a bureau of informa-

tion in regard to education, such as that in Washington. Sir Wilfrid listened attentively to the committee, expressed himself willing to further the object in view, and promised to bring the matter before his colleagues at an early day. The committee consisted of Hon. Dr. Ross, Dr. McCabe, Dr. Harper, and Mr. G. U. Hay, who represented the Maritime provinces.

### "Larger Patriotism."

Lord Roseberry in a recent address urged upon his hearers the exercise of a "larger patriotism," and it would seem that some of our teachers should take the admonition to heart.

While in Montreal, Halifax, and other Canadian cities, Empire Day was enthusiastically celebrated, in St. John, the city of the Loyalists, flags were not raised on some of the school buildings. It is true that the day is in no sense a holiday, and has not as yet been officially recognized in New Brunswick; but the recognition that has been given it in other parts of the Dominion should at least entitle it to the notice of all patriotic teachers, and certainly, if to no greater extent, to that of hoisting their flags, where provided with them.

There is in Great Britain a small and rapidly-diminishing party called "Little Englanders," and it may be that there is a sprinkling of them in Canada. It is to be feared that the patriotism of some which began with the fire-cracker celebrations of May 24th in their boyhood days, has not since expanded, and if their flags are raised on the Queen's birthday they consider their whole duty done.

Teachers are not the owners of school flags but simply the custodians of them. They are, moreover, the custodians, to a great extent, of the sentiments of the future citizens of the country; and no difference what their own feelings may be with regard to Empire Day and other days which all good Canadians should bear in loyal memory, it is their plain duty, not only as instructors but as citizens, to foster and encourage patriotism in the schools.

The people of the United States set us a good example in respect to patriotism. Not only do they inculcate it at every opportunity, but in many states, by law the American flag must float from every school house on every school day in the year.

Patriotic teaching is not, and should not be, confined to any particular day, but it has been found expedient by all nations to emphasize it by the special observance of certain days, on which lessons and exercises may serve to fix in the mind certain well marked and prominent features of the greatness of the nation to which we belong.