

THERE are many friends of the late Dr. Fletcher, Dominion Entomologist and Botanist, who will be glad to know that it is designed to erect some memorial at Ottawa to this distinguished and unselfish scientific worker. In no portion of the Dominion was his work more appreciated than in the Maritime Provinces, and his readiness to help others, his unflinching courtesy and kindness of heart won for him many sincere and ardent friends who will gladly contribute to this worthy object. Sums of one dollar and upwards may be sent to Mr. Arthur Gibson, the treasurer of the fund, at Ottawa.

WE regret to hear of the death of Mrs. C. F. Fraser, wife of Dr. Fraser, principal of the School for the Blind, Halifax. Mrs. Fraser was a daughter of Mrs. Jas. Hunter, of Fredericton. She had been an invalid for some years, and during her enforced retirement has written many pretty stories and illustrated articles for children's magazines. We tender our sincere sympathy to Dr. Fraser for the loss of a devoted wife and companion.

THE reports that have come to the REVIEW show that both Arbor Day and Empire Day were well observed in the schools. Not only was Arbor Day celebrated by the good old-fashioned custom of cleaning up the school house and grounds, but in many sections by the planting of shade trees and flower beds, and in some instances school gardens were started. Empire Day was very generally observed by exercises in the schoolroom and lessons on the geography, history and resources of the British Empire and its dependencies, in addition to public school entertainments, in which the patriotic element was conspicuously present.

Good Words.

Principal J. W. Robertson, of Macdonald College, has always taken an active interest in the Maritime Provinces, and has done valuable service for the improvement of its rural schools and for agriculture. Speaking recently of the many advantages enjoyed by these provinces, he used these words, which should be carefully pondered by many who are inclined to look elsewhere for better conditions:

For myself, were I, even with my present knowledge of Canada, now coming to the Dominion as a new settler, I would rather come to the Maritime Provinces to make a home for myself than to try the fortunes of the West. Here one finds invigorating climate, good schools, a law-

respecting population, with high ideals and standards of life, running streams, plenty of trees, the fragrance of clover blossoms and flowers, fresh fruits and innumerable other satisfactions. In brief, here is a satisfying place in which to found a home.

I have discussed with leading men from England the desirability of directing a portion of the stream of immigration into the Maritime Provinces. There might not be during the first few years such a rapid accumulation of available wealth as from prairie farming, but there might be general success with few failures. The land is suitable for growing almost every crop of the Northern temperature zone. It has a climate healthful and reliable as to rainfall and temperature, and good markets for all classes of products at the doors.

An Injustice to Teachers.

In the material progress made in Sydney, N. S., during the past decade or so, the educational interests of that enterprising city have kept pace, to a great extent, with its industrial development. Its board of school commissioners has the reputation of having among its members wise, energetic and capable men, progressive in their ideas and anxious to have their schools fully equal to the best in Canada. The teachers of Sydney are, as a class, efficient, and ambitious to do their share in this educational work. No more loyal and devoted body of teachers is to be found anywhere.

There is a rule, however, apparently sanctioned by a majority of the Sydney board—that of periodically dismissing and re-engaging teachers—which should speedily fall into disuse. There is no excuse for it anywhere in these days. It is a relic of the past. School boards that may have adopted the practice have soon seen its injustice and have abandoned it, or have become so ashamed of it as not to insist on its provisions being carried out. Again, no self-respecting teacher will long submit to this indignity, and the consequence is that any board persisting in such a course is likely to lose its best teachers.

Mr. C. L. Moore, the supervisor of the Sydney schools, has very plainly pointed out to the board the duty it owes to its teachers. In his report, which appears in a recent number of the *Daily Post*, he makes this statement: "Assuredly no end is served by periodically suspending the sword of dismissal over the heads of your teachers, and during a portion of every year casting them into a state of uncertainty as to their continuance on the staff. If this board wishes to obtain and retain the services of the best class of teachers, if it is desirous of having in the schools teachers who can feel that