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WITH this number, is closed the Eighth Volume of the REVIEW. Of many educational journals that have seen the light since the REVIEW was established, some have been short lived, others are struggling on with a precarious existence, while others have been prosperous and useful. The REVIEW belongs to the last class. Its progress has been steady, every year showing an increasing list of subscribers, while its columns have faithfully represented our educational progress during the last eight years. It has not yet reached our ideal of an educational journal, but we hope to draw nearer to it every year.

WE are obliged to hold over for the next number, several articles, including book reviews, editorial, answers to questions, and other matter, that should have appeared in this. Again we would ask our contributors to study brevity.

THE Dominion Educational Association will probably meet next in the Maritime Provinces. Let us hope that it will grow each year more distinctively Canadian and national. The Montreal meeting in '92 promised well in this respect; the '95 meeting less so, because it was nearly absorbed by the Ontario Association. Let us hope that the meeting of '97 or '98 will carry out its

purpose more fully than any yet. No provincial association should aspire to carry the Canadian Association on its back even in its years of infancy.

THE Sackville *Post* suggests that we should not wait for the establishment of agricultural or technical schools in New Brunswick. These may come in the future, when the necessity becomes greater and the field larger. In the meantime it urges that schools of agriculture should be established in the colleges and at the normal school.

AT a recent meeting of the executive of the St. John County Teachers' Institute, it was decided to hold the next session on September 27th and 28th, during the Exhibition. To some, at first sight, this may appear a risky proceeding, but a little examination will demonstrate the wisdom of the selection of that time. During the time of exhibitions, the attendance of pupils at the schools is very much broken. For the city teachers there is no particular inducement to visit the Exhibition on those two days, as it lasts a fortnight; while for the county teachers the Institute combined with the Exhibition, will prove irresistible. They can attend the former during the day, and the latter during the evenings and on Saturday. Teachers and school officers from other parts of the province will also likely be in St. John at this time, and will no doubt be glad of the opportunity of attending such an important Institute as that of St. John County. Another reason which influenced the executive in making the choice was, that the programme consists largely of practical work, to carry out which, classes of pupils will be brought from different sections of the city. It was thought that at the usual time of session—December—when the weather is cold and Christmas at hand, that it would be difficult to do this. There is also a feeling on the part of many of our teachers, that the end of the term, while possessing some advantages, is not the best time for a live and progressive Institute.

It is expected that Mr. John Brittain, of the Provincial Normal School staff, will be present and give instruction.