

The long expected battle in the North Sea has been fought and won. The full particulars of the battle are not yet known. It began in the afternoon of the last day of May, when a small fleet of British cruisers encountered a German squadron off the coast of Jutland. German battleships soon came up, and the fight continued for six hours, when British battleships appeared and the German fleet fled for safety. A running fight continued through the night; but when morning came not a single German vessel remained in sight. Fourteen British ships had been lost; but the German losses are believed to be much heavier, and the British remain in control of the North Sea. These are the leading features of the greatest naval battle in the history of the world, which will probably be known as the battle of Skagerak. The blockade of the German ports will now be closer than ever, and the coasts of England are for the present safe from German attack.

Nothing since the war began has caused more sorrow throughout the Empire than the news of the death of Earl Kitchener, who perished when the cruiser Hampshire was sunk with all on board, off the Orkney Islands, on the night of the sixth of June. Earl Kitchener was on his way to Russia; and, while it is possible that this was known to the Germans and that they planned to sink the ship which carried him, it seems more probable that she struck a mine. A great man has been taken from us, but not before his work was accomplished. He has organized the British army now fighting in Europe, the greatest volunteer army that the world has ever seen. Others will keep up this army until it has finished the work for which it was created; but, as the Prime Minister has said of him, no other man in the Empire could have summoned it into existence in so short a time.

WITH THE MAGAZINES.

The *Canadian Magazine* for June lives up to its name, in that nearly all the articles are about Canada and Canadian affairs. "The Spell of Montreal," "Along the St. John Valley" are descriptive papers, the latter illustrated. "Winter on the Prairie" deals with some of the animals and birds wintering amid the snowfields. "As Others Saw Us" quotes comments on Canada and Canadians, made by visitors, from the Baron de La Hontan and Father Hennepin down to Mrs. Moodie. Dr. George Bryce tells of "Soldiering in Canada Fifty-five Years Ago," and "The Battle of Windmill Point" is an account of an incident in the Rebellion of 1837. There is a pen portrait of General Alderson, Commander-in-Chief of Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and several short stories, current events, and the usual attractive illustrations make up a good number. [The Ontario Publishing Co., Toronto].

The most interesting articles in the *June Century* are those on the prospects for the coming presidential election in the United States. Conflicting views are given by Major Robert McCormick in "The Next President" in which he discusses the effect of the break in the Republican party in 1912, and its effect on the present situation; and George Creel, who answers the question "Can Wilson Win?" thus, "If he goes before the country, taking the people into his confidence, it is not believed that all the millions of the opposition can prevent his re-election." "Our Next Step," by Dr. Vrooman, faces the likelihood of a combination of Germany and Japan to smash the Monroe Doctrine, and looks to an alliance of the United States with Great Britain, France and their Allies, to establish a world peace. Mr. Albert Hickman gives a bright and readable sketch of Sir Alfred Jones, called "A Commercial Sea King." Educational articles are Miss

Vida Scudder's "Academic Freedom," and H. Addington Bruce's "On the Trail of the Dullard."

The War Book, issued by the Department of Agriculture, called "Production and Thrift," is full of valuable information, both for the teacher and the general reader. In its 250 pages are to be found, besides facts and instructions on different branches of agriculture, short articles, extracts from speeches, statistics and advice on the following subjects: The War and Finance, Food Supplies of the United Kingdom, The Necessity for Economy, Women and the War, The Call to the Colours, Patriotic and Relief Work. Useful pages are those giving lists of the bulletins available for free distribution.

FOREST CONSERVATION.

The aggressive educational campaign of the Canadian Forestry Association in the cause of forest conservation has been supplemented by a new issue called "A Matter of Opinion." The booklet is an attractive one and strikes at the subject of forest guarding from a unique angle. Seven characters are introduced — settler camper, banker, railway man, power engineer, fire ranger and tax payer — each telling his personal story of the need for living forests and the increasing menace of burned and wasted forests. The booklet makes easy reading and a mass of information is packed into the twenty-four pages. Copies may be had free by addressing the Association's Office, Booth Building, Ottawa.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

The Rev. J. B. Dollard, the well known Canadian poet, has received the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature from Laval University.

Professor E. J. Todd, of Dalhousie University, has gone to Scotland to offer himself for military service.

Mr. Hedley V. Colpitts, Science Teacher at the Fredericton, N. B. high school, has resigned his position and at the close of the term will go to Kingston, Ont., to take an officer's course.

Miss Georgie W. Allan and Miss C. W. Wyman, of the Milton school, Yarmouth, N. S., have resigned.

Yarmouth, N. S., had 209 students in the Local Technical School, the largest enrolment in the province.

The city of Halifax, N. S., some time ago raised half a million dollars for Dalhousie University. In recognition of this, the University now offers three scholarships, annually, to sons of citizens of Halifax, to be awarded by competitive examinations.

On Monday, April 24th, the pupils of the Halifax County Academy celebrated the tercentenary of Shakespeare's death by carrying out a programme of recitations, music and presentation of scenes from the plays. Professor MacMeehan, of Dalhousie, gave an address on Shakespeare.

At the closing exercises of St. Francis Xavier College, Antigonish, N. S., Hon. Mr. Justice Chisholm, of Halifax, as a stimulus to the study of local history, offered a prize of \$100 for the best history of Antigonish, his native county.

Mr. Fred J. Paterson, of Hampstead, N. B., has been appointed Science Master at the Fredericton High School