

walnut post. This is the summer home of our blue-birds and martins, to which they receive a cordial welcome every spring.

Ah, but all this costs money, time, and patience. Yes, *all* these; but the investment pays large dividends. To note the educative influence on the children and the effect on their home yards, to find that the very roughest boy will carefully protect the flowers from injury, to see how proud the patrons become of "our school-yard," to enjoy the wondering surprise of strangers when told that during all the eight years not a single plant has been maliciously injured or stolen, to realize that it has proved an effective object lesson to several fellow-teachers—these are *some* of the returns.

Not one cent has been expended from the public treasury for this purpose. School entertainments furnish the funds. Some of the best plants are "wintered over" by pupils or friends of the school, who have plants of their own. This plan does not burden any one person, and secures a nucleus for the new season.

Editorial Notes and Comments.

The teachers of our superior schools present their pupils for examination on Monday, the 3rd of June, and there are one or two things which may be mentioned in connection with this annual competition, in order that co-operation on the part of all who have the supervision of them may be secured in bringing about a successful issue. The experience of the last two years will materially assist the teachers and the deputy-examiners in carrying out all the arrangements with due attention to the details. The deputy-examiners have been put in possession of the regulations for their guidance, and the declaration to be signed by them at the close of the examination, is of such a character as to preclude all indifference in regard to the manner of conducting the examination. As we have said before, these examinations form the most important event in the annual history of the school, and have been the means of unifying the various systems of school training which formerly existed in our province. The examination papers have been drawn up with the greatest care to keep within the scope of the curriculum laid down for such grades in the course of study, and in view of such