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In homes where children are taught to read, the best literature is used. From the very beginning the children in the schools should learn to read by reading the best literature.

Cities and towns are planning for children's playgrounds. That is a wise move. Every country school should have its playground bordered by trees and shrubbery.

Longfellow, as well as Dickens, was a sunny-tempered, tender-hearted author who loved children. He, too, was born in February, five years before Dickens. He said of children:

Ye are better than all the ballads  
That ever were sung or said;  
For ye are living poems,  
And all the rest are dead.

See Dr. J. B. Hall's announcement on another page of a Trip to Europe. If any one can make such a trip interesting it is Dr. Hall.

Dr. Alexander Anderson has retired from the position of Superintendent of Education for Prince Edward Island, and Mr. R. H. Campbell, principal of West Kent school, Charlottetown, has been appointed in his place. Dr. Anderson has had a distinguished career as a scholar and teacher. A native of Aberdeen, Scotland, he was graduated with honours from the University of Edinburgh, and came to Prince Edward Island in 1862. As a capable and enthusiastic teacher, Dr. Anderson's name is a household word in that Province, and his name is inseparably connected with the intellectual progress of the Island for the past half century. His successor as Superintendent, Mr. R. H. Campbell, has had an experience of twenty-five years as teacher. He is progressive and has character and executive abilities of a high order.

### Charles Dickens in His Home Life.

The Supplement picture of this month's REVIEW is a fine portrait of Charles Dickens, which we hope teachers may frame and hang up in their school rooms, and use it in illustration of the material gathered in this number about that great and kindly author. There is, in these columns, much to please children in the selections from Dickens' works, in the story of his life, the many instances of his affection for children and what he has done to improve their condition, so well illustrated in Miss Robinson's essay.

