

West Territory, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and two from Quebec. It will have a good deal of work to do and much travelling. One hundred dollars will, therefore, not be a high allowance. This \$2000 is divided among the Provincial Governments, Quebec's share being \$680. Five of the provinces have agreed to bear their portion of it; and all are now waiting for Quebec to act. The money could hardly be devoted to a worthier purpose. We sadly need a good history setting forth the record of the provinces in an attractive form for our children; and this would give it to us.

LAST MONTH a paper was read before the Science Institute of Nova Scotia at Halifax, by Dr. Mackay, Superintendent of Education, embodying observations made on the flowering of plants and the migration of birds in the province. The most valuable contribution to the series of observations were made by Professor Coldwell of Acadia College, with five assistants in neighboring regions of the county. Harry Piers, Esq., of Halifax, Principal A. D. McTavish of Springhill High School and Principal E. J. Lay of the Cumberland County Academy. Dr. Mackay hoped that next year observers could be had in every county of the province, so that the statistics would be more valuable than those hitherto collected. Professor Lawson expressed the hope that those observations would not only be more numerous made, but that they would be continued for a series of years, as they had been in England, when most valuable results bearing on the nature and change of our climate might be obtained. The Hon. Commissioner of Public Works and Mines was present and took part in an interesting discussion which engaged the Institute to a later hour than usual. With Botany as taught in all our High Schools, not only every High School, but every advanced common school should keep a record of the leafing, flowering and fruiting of plants for the use of the section, and for general statistics of the province. Good training, no labor.

LADY TEACHERS who propose to visit the Chicago Exhibition during the summer vacation will be interested in knowing that the public school buildings are to be turned into dormitories for their accommodation, for which only a nominal charge will be made.

THE first two numbers of the *School Review*, a journal of secondary education, edited by Dr. J. G. Schurman, President of the Cornell University, have been received. It is published by the Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., the price being \$1.50 a year (ten numbers). The Editor in his introductory note, says: "The province of the new *Review*, if described

by institutions, is the High School and Academy; or, if described by courses of study, it embraces whatever lies between the subjects of the common school curriculum and the practice of secondary education." The *Review* gives promise of being an excellent ally of secondary school education.

WE notice through an exchange that Miss Titus, one of the teachers of the Public Schools of Digby, has published some notes of school lessons on insects. We have not seen them, but from what we have heard of the work of Miss Titus among her pupils, how, stimulated by lessons in the *EDUCATIONAL REVIEW*, she set her children observing and collecting, until now she has an interesting collection, and class of pupils with eyes open for the many natural wonders and beauties of Digby,—from all this we would expect her work to be of interest to teachers—perhaps more so than if it were a full, or a learned work by a professor. It may stimulate many teachers to go even one better. All such efforts whether small or great are ultimately useful.

SEVERAL newspapers were started at different times in Dartmouth, N. S., but after brief careers they failed. Notwithstanding this discouraging fact the attempt is to be made again—this time by Mr. H. S. Congdon, for several years principal of the Dartmouth public schools, and now teaching in Morris Street school, Halifax. Mr. Congdon is well qualified for such an enterprise and we wish him success. His paper will be called the *Atlantic Weekly*. Being the only paper published in a town of 6200 inhabitants it ought to have a large local circulation.

THE death of Mrs. Harrison, wife of Chancellor Harrison of the New Brunswick University, after a long and severe illness, will be heard with feelings of regret. The deceased had many estimable qualities, and there is much sympathy felt for Dr. Harrison in the great bereavement he has sustained.

THE semi-centennial celebration of the Mount Allison Educational Institutions has called forth much enthusiasm not only at Sackville, but in the principal cities throughout the Maritime Provinces. The meetings everywhere have been inspiring, and the result must be not only an increased interest in the institutions, but a greater practical support than before. At the Anniversary Banquet on the 18th January, held at Sackville, over \$13,000 was subscribed toward the semi-centennial fund of \$50,000. At an enthusiastic public meeting in Halifax, a sum of nearly \$5,000 was raised.