

Rev. W. O. Raymond, and *Our First Families*, by James Hannay; also a paper of more than usual local interest by I. Allen Jack, on *Old Times in Victoria Ward (St. John)*. Dr. W. F. Ganong contributes a paper on Governor Thomas Carleton, and the editor, Mr. Reynolds, another on the *Cruise of the "Rechab."* The number is an excellent one and keeps pace with the steady growth in the interest and popularity of this magazine.

WE are obliged to hold over the answers to some questions in our *'Round Table Talks* to make room for an official announcement from Chief Superintendent Dr. Inch, which came to hand just as the last forms of the REVIEW were going to press. If the questioners wish it we will send them printed slips containing the answers.

THE Calendar of the Summer School of Science has been published, and may be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. J. D. Seaman, Charlottetown, P. E. I. The opportunities the school affords to secure abundant recreation amid some of the finest scenery in north-eastern America, and to come in contact with enthusiastic teachers and students of science and literature, should take many to the Restigouche next summer. It is not too soon to form plans, and to enter upon the courses of reading and study laid down in the calendar.

#### Vertical Writing.

The advantages of this system of penmanship are daily growing more apparent. The vertical style of writing has come into almost general use in the schools of the United States. There is no province in Canada, except New Brunswick, that has not at least placed it upon a parity with the sloping style. It is understood that in the finance department at Ottawa the clerks are required to acquire proficiency in its use. On the continent of Europe it has for some time been given the preference in German and Austrian schools, and elsewhere it is rapidly superseding the sloping style. In England the Department of Education (Whitehall) has declared that "the revisors of handwriting will place vertical writing on the same footing with other styles of writing." Henry Dwight Chapin, M.D., writing in the *Outlook* on "Hygiene for the School Boy and Girl," says: "A suitable position of the body, as well as the eye, is favored by employing the vertical rather than the slanting style of handwriting, and the paper or book should be parallel with the edge of the desk." Aside from the superiority of vertical penmanship as a system, from a hygienic standpoint, all medical men, who have given attention to the subject, agree that it is the best.

#### TALKS WITH TEACHERS.

It has been alleged that there is little or no national sentiment in Canada. It can not be doubted that patriotism has been neglected in our schools. It seems an effort on the part of many of our teachers to do any thing like justice to the teaching of the history of our own country. Pupils are generally found well posted in all the events of British History but not always in Canadian History, the knowledge of which too often consists of the French period rather than of the English, and especially of the time since Canada has been confederated. We may have been unfortunate in our text books. More probably the fault has been in the teaching. Our readers may lack Canadian sentiment, but where are we to get better ones? Only the most progressive of our teachers have as yet availed themselves of the information contained in the REVIEW Canadian History Leaflets or in the *New Brunswick Magazine*.

There are, however, signs of a change. The imperial idea seem to be abroad. More patriotic songs are now heard in the school rooms. Flags are now found in many school houses, though they are not always utilized to develop patriotism to the fullest extent. Pictures of Canadian battle scenes are beginning to appear. The imperial map of the world is becoming common and it is very much appreciated. The new imperial stamp has had a most potent influence upon all, especially the school children. May 23rd has been proclaimed Empire day in Ontario with the prospect that its example will be followed in the other provinces.

School libraries are doing a good work. Some of Parkman's works are in many of them and Roberts' *Canadian History* in not a few. The Board of Education, in the Province of New Brunswick, contributes to each school library "*Hannay's History of Acadia*" and the "*Life and Times of Sir Leonard Tilley*." They should also contain some of Gilbert Parker's works, especially that grand historical novel, "*The Seats of the Mighty*." Canadian writers of prose and verse are becoming known to fame, and our school libraries should be selected more generally from their productions. Instead of pictures of Washington, Lincoln and Garfield, so frequently seen in the homes in Canada, we should find Champlain, Wolfe, Brock or Lord Durham. The school is above every other agency the nursery of patriotism and its inculcation is a responsibility that rests upon the teachers.

There are a few changes or additions to New Brunswick school law which it may be well to mention for