

Commonwealth.

Give thanks, my soul, for the things that are free:
The blue of the sky, the shade of a tree,
And the unowned leagues of the shining sea.

Be grateful, my heart, for everyman's gold;
By roadway and river and hill unfold
Sun-coloured blossoms that never are sold.

For the little joys sometimes say a grace:
The scent of a rose, the frost's fairy lace,
Or the sound of the rain in a quiet place.

Be glad of what cannot be bought or beguiled:
The trust of the tameless, the fearless, the wild,
The song of a bird and the faith of a child.

For prairie and mountain, wind-swept and high,
For betiding beauty of earth and sky
Say a benediction e'er you pass by.

Give thanks, my soul, for the things that are free;
The joy of life and the spring's ecstasy,
The dreams that have been, the dreams that will be.
—*Virna Sheard, in the December Canadian Magazine.*

Bessie is sent to the cloak room while the teacher tells a story. When the story is finished Bessie comes in and chooses some one to tell the story to her. If that child does not tell the story satisfactorily, she chooses some one else. When Bessie fully understands it, she tells the story, the teacher writing the sentences on the board. The sentences are then approved or corrected and read by the entire school.

After a merry game, always call on some one to stand and clearly describe the game.—*Midland Schools.*

The world is improving, because each generation in its turn deals with and solves the problems which are presented to it.—*Right Hon. A. J. Balfour.*

Scotland is so covered with masters of arts that when you want a teacher you can get one round the next corner.—*Professor McGregor.*

I always read the REVIEW with much interest and find it helpful in my work. This starts my twenty-first year as a subscriber to the REVIEW and although I have not taught continuously during this time I have found the REVIEW always valuable. When I am not teaching I need it all the more in order to keep me in touch with my fellow-teachers and the work in general. G. J. T.
Stanstead, Que.

Facts About the Indian.

The Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa has just come out with interesting statistics about the red man of Canada.

There are 108,261 Indians in Canada; 4,600 of these are Eskimos.

Indians last year earned \$1,500,000 in wages.

British Columbia has more braves than any of the other provinces, 24,581.

There are 324 Indian schools educating the Indian.

The report is a contradiction of the statement so current that the Canadian Indian is fast disappearing; for it shows that the increase of births over deaths in the past year was 346.

The Youths' Companion in 1912.

No other paper is quite like the Youth's Companion. It is taken in half a million homes, where the choice of reading is made with as much care as the choice of friends.

For years The Companion has enjoyed contributions by distinguished men and women of Great Britain and Canada. Among those already engaged to write for the 1912 volume are General Baden-Powell, who has something of interest to say about the Boy Scout movement, Sir Harry Johnston, who recalls the last of the great South African hunters, William T. Stead, Jerome K. Jerome, Jane Barlow, Frank T. Bullen, Rev. W. J. Dawson, Richard Whiteing, Sir James Chrichton-Browne, and the Duke of Argyll, former Governor-General of Canada.

The serial stories alone which will follow one another the year through, will be worth \$1.50 each when published in book form. By taking The Companion the Canadian subscriber gets them all and 250 other complete stories for \$2.00, and the Articles, Miscellany, Boys' Page, Girls' Page, Household Page, etc., put in for good measure. Now is the time to subscribe, for on April 1, 1912, the subscription price will be advanced to \$2.25.

The new subscriber for 1912 receives free The Companion's Calendar for 1912, lithographed in ten colors and gold. (See notice on page 175.)

Important to Handicraft Workers.

The Canadian Handicraft's Guild, Montreal, is again offering prizes to the extent of several hundred dollars, for the best specimens of workmanship. To those skilled in weaving, dyeing, carving, book binding, metal work, sewing, leather work, basketry, knitting, rug making, pottery, there is an excellent opportunity afforded, not only to obtain a prize, but to find a sale for their work. There is no entrance fee of any kind payable. Full detailed list may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Secretary of the Guild, 586 St. Catherine Street, W. Montreal.

Beautiful Calendars have been received for 1912 from the Canadian Office and School Furniture Company, Preston, Ont.; from Kerr's Business College, St. John, N. B.; and from the Acadia Seminary, Wolfville, N. S.

Most of the education a person gets comes from the reading of good books. If the schools teach the children how to read and neglect to teach them what to read, the reading they learn outside of the school to like is just as apt to be a hindrance as a help to their education.—Supt. E. G. Loring, Kingston, Mass.

We can do more good by being good than in any other way.

Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.—Goldsmith.

Ignorance is the curse of God.
Knowledge the wing wherewith we fly to heaven.
—Shakespeare.