

summer courses are so arranged that a teacher may enter any summer. Applications should be sent to Mr. G. A. Sproule, Registrar, Manitoba Agricultural College, Winnipeg. The tuition fee for each summer is \$5.00 and boarding and lodging for six weeks will be \$30.00.

These courses present a great opportunity to teachers holding only First Class or Second Class certificates to improve their standing and to qualify in a line of work in which shortly teachers will be in great demand.

### Household Science

The Agricultural College offers an opportunity to women holding First Class or Second Class Professional certificates to qualify as teachers of Do-

mestic Science in the Elementary Schools by completing three summer courses of six weeks each on lines similar to those indicated above for male teachers in Agriculture. The fees for tuition and for board and lodging are the same.

Further particulars may be had on application to Mr. G. A. Sproule.

### Summer School of Science

The usual course in Elementary Science and School Gardening will be given at the Agricultural College for four weeks beginning July 22nd, on the usual terms. The tuition fee will be \$4.00 and board and lodging \$20.00. Applications for this course should be addressed to the Department of Education, Winnipeg.

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## PERCENTAGES IN ENGLISH

The Advisory Board has fixed the pass mark in English Literature and English Composition at 50 per cent. This new regulation will apply to the

examinations in June next. It increases the minimum mark in Literature and reduces the minimum mark in Composition.

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## SCHOOL AT SWAN LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION

By J. D. Athelney Evans.

Within the Indian reservation at Swan Lake, Southern Manitoba the schoolhouse plays a prominent part in the drama of every day life. The curriculum of studies is similar to that prepared by the Advisory Board. The average attendance of pupils is twenty. The teacher, Miss Jessie Bruce, has occupied the position nearly a decade. When admitted into the school, a majority of the children possessed no knowledge of the English language. The native tongue, Saulteaux dialect, is of constant use in the homes. Yet a new pupil occasionally understands the meaning of simple English words, presumably used by some elder brother or sister who attended the Indian schools at Portage la Prairie or Elkhorn. An average young "Neeche" can quickly learn the language of paleface neighbors on the

plains, and soon comprehends the meaning of the duties expected of him during school hours. He possesses ability, but he has difficulty in certain branches such as arithmetic. The art of penmanship is easily acquired. In crayon work, genius is frequently displayed. The girls are usually silent, yet willing to converse on any topic the teacher may introduce. Exercise in drill and deportment are given frequently; instruction in various details of domestic nature is furnished at the Mission House. The work Miss Bruce is pursuing requires no blare of trumpets. Its own story is heralded in the character of young lives she is moulding into the manners and customs of white people. The children not only pay their teacher every respect, but express gratitude for all that she is accomplishing for them.