

posed Canadian National Song, entitled "My Canadian Home," and perhaps our teachers will be willing to try the experiment of fostering the national sentiment through a thorough drill in the singing of both of these national hymns. We can supply the latter free to any teacher sending for it.

—The Queen's University has inaugurated the reading movement among its students, in what has been called the "Seminary." In our own provinces some of our teachers have been trying the same plan, in connection with what of a library they have been able to procure. The Friday afternoon, in our opinion, cannot be better employed by the pupils of our schools than in the handling of books, and hence the necessity of having in each academy and model school at least the nucleus of a library. When there is no library, an excellent plan is for each pupil to bring a book from home, and thus provide for an interchange of volumes. The eagerness with which the pupils will enter into such a plan will, no doubt, eventually lead to some steps being taken to provide a library for the school by means of subscription, entertainments, lectures, or through the co-operation of all interested in educational improvement in the community.

—There is an example in the following which our W.C.T.U. may be anxious to follow:—"The Band of Hope Union of London, England, encouraged by the success of their lectures delivered in public elementary schools, have determined on a new departure. The committee offer 1,500 prizes to the value of £250, open to all scholars and pupil teachers in elementary schools, to be given on examination in a special text-book, entitled 'The Temperance Manual for the Young.' Any teacher may receive a copy of the conditions of the competition by applying at the offices of the Union, 4 Ludgate Hill, E.C."

—The following protest against the proposal to place a sum on the Estimates to provide public school children with rifles has been forwarded to the South Australian Minister of Education:—"The South Australian Peace Society hereby protest against the attempt that is being made to stimulate in our public schools the war spirit by associating drill with warlike proceedings, putting into the hands of our children instruments of death, and teaching them that the natural and right method of settling international disputes is by the sword only, forgetting the injunction of Christ, 'Love your enemies.' The legitimate objects of public instruction are to train the mind to reflect and reason, and to prepare the young for the pursuit of the useful industries of life. The above proposal is a wide depar-