

foundation for any agricultural instruction proper that may follow. In arithmetic special attention is paid to measuring problems. Boys learn how to take the cubical contents of a haystack and a quarry block, or to find the area of a meadow; for any children who may go to the towns, there are, however, object lessons on cotton, wool, silk, and their manufacture. Many other country schools, no doubt, have similar adaptations to their own needs, but the Department expects that almost all should get into closer touch with life.

"There is a lamentable want of suitable text-books for Nature study. For forest trees Mr. Bradley has found nothing more compendious than books on single British timber-growths. For aquatic insects Miall's book is invaluable, and so are his 'Object Lessons from Nature' and 'Round the Year.' The West Riding County Council have done great things for rural teachers in providing lecture course by Prof. Miall and others, and paying the railway fares of those who came into Leeds and Bradford to hear them. Such lectures will now be still more largely attended, and text-books will doubtless come in time.

"Meantime in Stanbury one sees burst frogs no longer in the roads. It is better fun to watch a frog catch flies than it was to blow one up. Between them, the schools at Stanbury and Oldfield, a strong outpost on the other side of the dale, have put an end to bird-nesting. There has probably in those parts never been such a hatching out of broods as this year since the Ice Age."

The courses are adapted to the needs of teachers now in service and of those who intend to be teachers. Several of the more elementary, however, are intended also to meet the needs of beginners. Some may be taken in lieu of the corresponding courses in Harvard College or the Lawrence Scientific School, and may be counted towards the degree of A.B. or S.B.

Board and lodging may be obtained in Cambridge during the summer vacation at a cost of from \$4 to \$10 per week. Students may live most economically by hiring rooms in private houses and taking their meals at the restaurant provided by the Committee in Randall Hall, where food will be furnished at cost.

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## CURRENT EVENTS.

Dr. M. J. Kelly, LL.B., President of the Brant County Alumni Association, has resigned the position of Inspector of Schools in Brant County, after thirty years of service.

E. B. Hutcherson, B.A., has recently been appointed headmaster of the High School at Regina, Assa.

D. Whyte, B.A., who has been on the staff of the High School at Niagara Falls, Ont., is now science master in the Collegiate Institute at Owen Sound.

D. P. McColl, B.A., who was formerly superintendent of the city schools of Calgary, is now inspec-