

to be unsinkable, yet lifeboats were provided because the law required them, but only so many as the law required. When the great ship struck an iceberg south of Cape Race, and the walls of her water tight compartments proved to be too weak to stand the pressure, there were but sixteen lifeboats available for over two thousand three hundred persons, and over sixteen hundred lost their lives. Moving stories of heroic deeds are brought by the survivors, most of whom reached New York in safety on board another ship that the wireless telegraph brought to their rescue. The grief and horror of the event will pass away and be forgotten. Its more lasting effect will be to secure from this time forward greater regard for safety than there has been in the past.

Great floods prevail in the lower Mississippi valley, where one hundred and sixty thousand people are driven from their homes and dependent upon the government aid.

The new Campanile at Venice, which has just been completed, is an exact reproduction of the old Campanile that fell in 1902.

The war between Italy and Turkey has made little progress during the month. Italian ships have appeared at the mouth of the Dardanelles, and the straits have been filled with mines by the Turkish authorities. It is said that the Italians are employing Greek sponge divers to set these mines adrift. Meanwhile the efforts of neutral powers to bring about peace negotiations have not yet been successful.

Unrest in northern Africa is spreading. A revolt against French authority has occurred in Fez, but has been suppressed.

Matters in Mexico are much as they were a month ago, many different groups of rebels in different parts of the country acting independently. A threat from the United States government, however, was quickly resented by the government of Mexico; and men of all classes are ready to enroll themselves for defence in case of invasion.

In China, the movement to restore the Emperor, or to place another member of the imperial family on the throne, is apparently gaining strength.

Dr. Grenfell believes that there may be great wealth in the natural resources of Labrador, and that it would be to the advantage of both Newfoundland and Labrador to enter the Canadian Confederation.

The negotiations for a treaty of reciprocity between Canada and the West Indies seem likely to lead to a successful issue.

A Home Rule bill providing for an Irish Parliament which will sit in Dublin has been introduced in the British Parliament. If it passes the House of Commons and fails to pass the House of Lords, as seems probable, it may be two years yet before it becomes law.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Dr. Robert Magill, Professor of Economics in Dalhousie University, has been appointed chairman of the Grain Commission which was constituted at the recent session of Parliament. Prof. Magill is a brilliant scholar. He came to Halifax from Ireland as Principal of Pine Hill Presbyterian College and later became Professor in Dalhousie University.

A Manual Training building to be known as the Rhodes Memorial Building, will be erected and presented to Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S., by Mrs. Rhodes, widow of the N. A. Rhodes.

Acadia Seminary was founded in 1862. It will celebrate its jubilee on the 28th of this month. A movement is on foot to erect a Fine Arts building as a memorial to its founders and early workers.

Principal G. N. Belyea, B. A., of the Sussex, N. B., high school has sent in his resignation, to take effect at the close of the present term.

The Cumberland County Teachers' Institute will meet at Amherst on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd May.

The Educational Institute of New Brunswick, will meet in Fredericton in June. The programme of proceedings will be found on another page.

The Nova Scotia Educational Association will meet in Halifax the last week in August. See advertisement on another page.

Inspector Bruce will visit the schools of Yarmouth County, N. S., during the months of May and June.

It is reported that Lieutenant-Governor Wood of New Brunswick has given \$10,000 to the Mt. Allison University Forward Movement.

The day appointed for Arbor Day in Nova Scotia is the first Friday in May—this year May 3. In New Brunswick the day is selected by the inspectors. Inspectors McLean and Steeves of St. John and King's Counties have chosen Friday, May 10. Inspector Hanson of York County, and Inspector Mersereau of Northumberland, May 17.

J. C. Pincock, M. A., teacher of mathematics in the Moncton High School, has accepted a position in the Winnipeg schools.

C. J. Mersereau, M. A., has resigned his position as Principal of the Chatham, N. B., Grammar School.

The Board of Education of New Brunswick gives a grant of \$30 a year to teachers who attend the Summer School of Science, take the course in school gardening for two years and secure a certificate of competency; provided, of course, they maintain a school garden to the satisfaction of the authorities.

The Ontario legislature has passed an act, called the Adolescent School Attendance Act, compelling the attendance at evening or continuation schools of young persons between the ages of fourteen and seventeen years.

I am a most appreciative reader of the REVIEW. What an educator it would be if it were in every home!—J. F. G.

RECENT BOOKS.

Turner's Our Common Friends and Foes is a collection of original stories, relating to the toad; the quail, the bumblebee, the chickadee, the ant, the cabbage butterfly, the mosquito, and the fly. It is intended for use for supplementary reading in the third and fourth years of school. The stories are pleasantly told in a manner which will attract and hold the interest of young readers. The economic problems relating to the treatment of these familiar friends and foes are well presented. (Cloth; pages 143, price 30 cents; American Book Company, New York; Morang Educational Company, Toronto.)

In *Willis's Elementary Physiology*, the author has endeavored to state the essential facts of physiology in the clearest possible way, and to develop from these facts some practical rules of health. Pains have been taken to explain