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ties, and have been gradually eliminating them. At ten, I dropped out the possibility of being President, at fifteen of being a professional baseball player, at twenty of writing poetry, at twenty-five of making speeches, at thirty of being distinguished, at thirty-five of accumulating property. At forty I am resigned to be obscure, but still hope to continue respectable."

THOSE who may be in danger of getting into ruts in school work will find something to think about in Mr. Dole's article in this number. There is no doubt that in arithmetic, as in other subjects of our course of instruction, time may be saved and strength and accuracy gained by grouping essentials and casting out the non-essentials.

THIS year Canada will celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of Quebec; and the Governor-general has suggested that the Plains of Abraham be converted into a national park. The suggestion has met with the cordial approval of Canadian clubs, historical societies and many prominent men throughout the dominion. The Sydney Post says that the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Louisburg will occur twelve years hence, and it is not too soon to take steps looking to a suitable celebration of this very important event in the history of this part of North America.

The Simplified Spelling Board, organized in 1906, elected at its annual meeting in April, 1907, an advisory council of one hundred and sixty-five persons. This council, the first formed, consists of scholars and educators who have all expressed themselves in favour of the principle and practice of simplified spelling. Of the three members of the council belonging to Canada, one is Dr. Soloan, principal of the normal school, Truro.

The board issues from time to time lists of words, the spelling of which, in its judgment, should be revised. Its first list, in March, 1906, was composed of words spelled in two or more ways. Persons interested were asked to examine the list, and, if they preferred the simpler forms, to sign a card