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The May REVIEW will be a special Empire Day Number, and will be the 25th anniversary of this active educational journal.

No meeting of the Dominion Educational Association will be held this year.

MAY SEVENTH will be the centenary of the birth of the poet Browning, and to draw attention to this the REVIEW publishes his portrait and a few references to his life and literature. Fifty years at least of his long life—he died in 1889—were spent in producing poetry. Recognition of his great gifts came slowly, and it is only during the last quarter of a century that the Browning Society of London and Browning Clubs all over the English-speaking world have awakened by study and discussion an abiding interest in his works. Much of Browning's poetry is in dramatic monologue or soliloquy. Its vivid action is well illustrated in the extract "Tray" on another page.

The total enrolment of pupils in all the colleges and schools of British Columbia for the year ending June 30, 1911, was 45,125, an increase of 5,303 over that of the previous year. The number of boys was 23,277 and of girls 21,848. The average daily attendance was 32,163, an increase of 4,069. The percentage of regular attendance was 71.27, the highest in the history of public schools in that province.

The number of pupils enrolled in the public (day) schools of Ontario for 1910 was 401,882 and the percentage of attendance was 60.45. The number of teachers employed was 9,369 of whom 1,621 were men and 7,748 women, a proportion of 1 to 4.78. The average annual salary of male teachers was \$711 and of female teachers \$483. The cost for each pupil enrolled was \$20.50.

We hope this number of the REVIEW has something in it that will help schools in their observance of Arbor Day. Aim to make it the best Arbor Day yet in neat school premises, in the successful planting of trees, in the study of plants and the protection of bird life.

