

daily companionship. Books are wonderful things. They speak to us with tongues of fire, though the writers' lips are sealed in death. They are lives of other men, that live in volumes new and old, that speak to us from the tombs in the language of our day. A more valuable work can hardly be done by the rural school teacher than this, of developing a love for good reading. The library will ever be a valuable assistant to the teacher, not only in the training of his pupils, but to his personal edification.—*I. L. Dayhoff.*

'ROUND TABLE TALKS.

W. J.—Will you please, through the REVIEW, tell me the name of the plant which is enclosed in a box. The plant grows about two feet high. I found it in a field of potatoes.

The plant is the green Amaranth or Pigweed (*Amarantus retroflexus*). It is an introduced, not a native plant, and is found near gardens or cultivated grounds.

P. W. R.—Will you please tell me the names of the two plants sent under another cover?

The name of the one with yellow flowers is Hawkweed (*Hieracium scabrum*). The other is probably the alternate-leaved Cornel (*Cornus alternifolia*). The flower or a part of the fruit of the plant should always be sent to ensure a correct determination.

D.—A Caterpillar, about an inch long, rather dark grey, two stripes of yellow and a black stripe on the back, yellow spots on the side and yellow legs; a dull brick color spot just behind the head, and two brighter red spots far back. The hair in thin tufts along the side; in front two long thick tufts and one behind; along the centre of the back four short, thick, light tufts, rather nearer the front than the back. Into what would it develop and is it harmful?

It is the Tussock Caterpillar, the larva of *Orgia leucostigma* (Sm. & Abb.), the life history of which is given with figures in Ferndale School, No. XIX, EDUCATIONAL REVIEW, Vol. II., No. 9, page 167, (February 1889). This caterpillar feeds upon the leaves of the apple, plum, and occasionally on other species such as the elm, maple, and horse-chestnut. The imago, male, is one of the dark, brushy moths. The female is wingless, and may often be seen resting on a mass of from 300 to 500 eggs cemented over with a hardened foam-like layer secreted by the insect.

While walking through the spruce nursery in the Dartmouth Park, Halifax, the other day, I ran up into a bush around the uppermost twig of which was wound, basking in the sun, a pretty large specimen of the green or grass snake. It immediately uncoiled and soon disappeared down the body of the bush.

A PUPIL.

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SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

School meeting day in New Brunswick this year will be Saturday, October 14th.

Sister M. Thomas, who for so many years has most acceptably filled the position of principal of St. Joseph's school, St. John, has resigned owing to ill health. Her resignation is much regretted by all interested in the school.

Misses Jessie Lawson and Mary Morrow have been appointed to the St. John staff of teachers. Both young ladies have taken high scholastic honors in the St. John schools, and their appointment is a fitting recognition of their ability and scholarship.

Miss Isabel McIntosh, A. B., has notified the St. Stephen school board that she will take action at law against it for alleged breach of contract.

Inspector Smith will be engaged during the month of September with the parishes of Westmorland, Sackville and Dorchester of his inspectorate.

Robert King, formerly principal of the Sussex Grammar School, who has spent the past year studying medicine at McGill, has taken charge of the Superior school at Bathurst, N. B.

Aubrey Landry, eighteen years of age, of Memramcook College, Westmorland County, has won a \$300 scholarship at Harvard University. This is the third scholarship which has been awarded to him, amounting in all to \$750.

Prof. Tweedie, of Mt. Allison University, Sackville, has been granted a year's leave of absence to be devoted to special study and research abroad.

We are glad to report that in the Truro Academy examinations the students have again been very successful. All those who tried for A licenses have been successful, and twenty-three B's and forty C's have also scored success. The principal, Mr. W. R. Campbell, and his able staff of assistants, as well as their diligent students, may well be congratulated. Edward Moxon led the province for Grade "A," closely followed by Douglas Smith.—*Colchester Sun.*

A large Freshman class enters Mt. Allison University this term. Although there has been some inconvenience arising from the destruction by fire of the residence, no difficulty has been experienced in accommodating students. A fine new building is under course of construction that will accommodate a large number of students and greatly add to the resources of the university.

The Albert County Teachers' Institute will meet at Elgin on Thursday and Friday, September 21st and 22nd. There will be papers by W. B. Jonah and Miss Amy Peck; lessons by Miss Frances Hoar, A. C. M. Lawson, S. Boyd Anderson, Miss Bessie Thorne and Miss Bessie Horsman; and addresses by the president, Amasa Ryder, Inspector Steeves, and Dr. Inch, chief superintendent of education. A natural history excursion will be made to Gordon Falls.