

Melrose, Abbotsford, the Trossachs and other beautiful and interesting places. Information may be obtained from the Acting Secretary, J. J. Waugh, Esq., W. S., 43 George Street, Edinburgh.

Those who are specially interested in Nature Study or Educational Handwork, and who would enjoy a stay in one of the most beautiful country districts in England, will be glad to hear of the summer course at Ambleside, in the English lake district. In 1912, this course lasted from July 22 to August 31. Instruction is given in different branches of handwork, including Wood Carving, Sloyd, Metal Work and Art Needlework; in Nature Study, and other subjects. Certificates obtained for these courses are recognized, according to the prospectus, by the Boards of Education of the United Kingdom. Tuition in two subjects for one week costs about \$5.50; for the whole six weeks, about \$18.00. Board at the hostel is from \$7.00 to \$8.00 a week. Excursions are organized to all the well known points in the Lake District. The secretary, Rothay Holme, Ambleside, Westmorland, England, will supply all necessary particulars.

The University Extension Summer Meetings are held in August, alternately at one of the great English University towns, with occasionally a divergence to some other historic place, such as Exeter. These attract a great many students from abroad, as well as from the United Kingdom and the Colonies. They offer an opportunity to hear many learned lecturers, and to see Oxford or Cambridge under pleasant conditions. The fees are about the same as those at Edinburgh. There are additional courses of lectures of a more specialized character under the same direction.

But teachers who wish to do some hard work under skilled guidance are recommended to consider the course offered by the Oxford University Delegacy for the Training of Secondary Teachers. This is intended for teachers who wish to qualify for the Oxford Diploma in Education, but is open to anyone. The work comprises "two discussion lessons given each morning to a class of boys, one or two lectures daily, reading under guidance, and essay writing." There are lectures on the Theory and History of Education, and on the following school subjects: Natural Science, Geography, Mathematics, History, Latin, French, English Literature, Grammar and Composition. Two groups of subjects are taken up each week.

The fee for one week is about \$12.00; for four weeks about \$36.50. For particulars, application should be made to secretary, Secondary Training Delagacy, Old Clarendon Building, Oxford.

For English-speaking people who wish to study French, German or Spanish, the Teachers' Guild of Great Briain and Ireland offers a programme of Modern Language Holiday Courses. This pamphlet, containing full particulars about studies, board, journeys, and expenses, may be had for sixpence from the office of the Guild, 74 Gower Street, London, W. C. The French course is given at Honfleur, a picturesque seaport of Normandy, within half-an-hour of Havre by steamer. There are delightful excursions to be made in the neighbourhood, and Caen, Lisieux, Rouen and Falaise may be visited from Honfleur. Arrangements are made for students to board in small parties with private families, so that they are obliged to speak French. The work consists of lectures, conversation classes, composition writing and reading under direction. There are elementary classes for those who have little knowledge of spoken French, and more advanced work for others. Classes open in the first week in August, and go on for three weeks. The whole expense of the course, including the journey to and from London is estimated at a little under £11 (about \$53.00). Canadians would find it convenient to sail direct to Havre. The classes in German and Spanish, held respectively at Lübeck and Santander, are conducted on the same principles as those at Honfleur.

Teachers who are going abroad, whether to attend lectures or not, are strongly advised to write to the Teachers' Guild for their handbook, containing lists of recommended lodging and boarding houses in different countries. It costs one shilling and is well worth the money.

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle never know.—Charles Kingsley.

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