

A VERY general response has been given to Lady Tilley's appeal for subscriptions to establish a reformatory in New Brunswick. Of the seven thousand dollars required, six thousand have already been subscribed, and the fund is increasing in a satisfactory manner. The necessary legislation will soon be asked for the establishment and maintenance of the reformatory, which Lady Tilley hopes will be opened in June next. Such reformatories, or industrial schools for juvenile offenders, have proved a great blessing wherever they have been established. Both humanity and economy call for the education and training for usefulness of those waifs thrown upon the world without protectors and from whose ranks the criminal classes are largely drawn. Society has a great responsibility in this matter; and Lady Tilley deserves the cordial support and earnest wishes for success in her humane enterprise.

JANUARY has some very important planetary events which readers of the REVIEW should not miss. A view of Venus and Mercury in the eastern sky will repay shivering early risers, but be quick, for the swift-footed Mercury will soon be out of sight. Jupiter makes such a close conjunction with the moon on the evening of the 23rd that they will seem to touch each other. Mars, fast fading into insignificance, will come in for a renewed share of attention on the evening of the 25th when he is in conjunction with Jupiter.

THE semi-centennial exercises in connection with Mount Allison University began in St. John on Sunday, January 8th, and were continued on the following day in the Centenary Church. The meeting on Monday evening was presided over by Lieut. Governor Sir Leonard Tilley, and the addresses were of a deeply interesting character, stimulating public interest in those educational institutions at Sackville which have done so much for Methodism and Education in these provinces.

DR. J. L. NUGENT writes to renew the subscription for Brigg's Corner district, Queens Co. For several years past this district has made provision at its annual meeting for the REVIEW, "keeping the trustees in touch with the educational progress of the times," as the doctor aptly expresses it. It would be well for all school districts, if the way could be seen clear, to follow the example of Brigg's Corner, as indeed some have been doing for some time. There are many items of interest to trustees in it from time to time—in fact in every issue. Orders of the Boards of Education in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick embracing changes of various kinds; Inspector's

visits; what other schools and districts are doing. These are all matters of interest to school officers, and a knowledge of them is often important. Outside of these departments there are many other topics dealt with of equal interest to school officers and teachers. "Talks with Teachers;" interpretation of knotty points in school law, etc. If trustees more generally subscribed for the REVIEW, arrangements could be made for a Teachers' Bureau, the advantages of which would be great to both.

REVISION OF INSPECTORAL DISTRICTS IN N. B.

At the last meeting of the Board of Education the following changes were made in the Inspectoral Districts:—

Inspectoral District No. 1, G. W. Mersereau, M. A., Inspector; Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland.

Inspectoral District No. 2, George Smith, B. A., Inspector; the counties of Kent and Westmorland.

Inspectoral District No. 3, F. E. Whelpley, Acting Inspector; the County of Albert, the County of Kings, except the parishes of Westfield and Greenwich, and the County of Queens, except the parishes of Canning, Gagetown, Hampstead and Petersville.

Inspectoral District No. 4, W. S. Carter, A. M., Inspector; the counties of St. John and Charlotte, and the parishes of Westfield and Greenwich in Kings Co.

Inspectoral District No. 5, H. V. B. Bridges, M. A., Inspector; the County of York, except the parishes of North Lake and Canterbury, the County of Sunbury, and the parishes of Canning, Gagetown, Hampstead and Petersville in Queens.

Inspectoral District No. 6, F. Billeagher, M. A., Inspector; the counties of Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska, and the parishes of North Lake and Canterbury in the County of York.

Normal School Entrance, Grammar School Leaving and University Matriculation Examinations in New Brunswick.

It has long been considered a grievance by some that students desirous of entering the normal school should be compelled to go to Fredericton, which is so distant for many and attended with considerable travelling expense. If the student fails to pass the required examination, he has to make the same journey back to his home; and if the student be a young lady, the inconvenience is not confined to her only, but perhaps to some of her friends who have accompanied her, because, as in the majority of cases, she is a stranger in the capital. It has accordingly been determined for the future to hold these examinations during the first week in July of each year in such centres as St. John, Fredericton, Moncton, St.