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THIS number begins the ninth volume of the REVIEW.

THE REVIEW for July will be issued the last of June, so that it may reach subscribers before beginning their vacation.

IF the Board of Education approve, the County Institutes of St. John and Charlotte will be united this year and the combined session held in St. John on September 26th and 27th, during the period of the provincial exhibition. This arrangement meets the unanimous approval of the teachers so far as heard from. The opportunity afforded to attend the institute and to visit the exhibition during the evenings and on Saturday is good one. Dr. Inch, Mr. John Brittain, and no doubt other educationists from different parts of the province will be present. During the time of exhibition traveling rates will be low and the expense of coming to St. John, to the Charlotte County teachers, will not be greater than to go to St. Stephen. A committee of the St. John County teachers will be appointed to meet the visiting teachers and direct those who have not previously found accommodation. A largely attended and profitable institute is looked for. See the programme on another page.

IN the column of book reviews in this number, will be found some excellent material for school libraries. In the wealth of inspiring and excellent literature that our language possesses, it will not do—nay, it will be very harmful—to have anything to do with weak and worthless writings. There is so much that is pure and elevating, and at the same time of such surpassing interest, in good literature that children will rise up and call blessed those who bring them in contact with this literature, and thus lead them to despise, as unworthy of their notice, what is weak and trashy.

A STRIKING article on the Progress of Canada appears in a recent number of *Littell's Living Age*, taken from the *Edinburgh Review*. The writer traces the progress of Canada from the earliest period to the present time, and treats with marked ability the questions which have been prominent in the making of Canada by the dual races which have grown together, and have adjusted their differences in a generally amicable spirit. The writer is evidently a Canadian in thorough sympathy with and attached to both races, and with an ample knowledge of Canadian politics.

MR. SANFORD FLEMING, in a communication to the *Toronto Week*, proposes a new Canadian flag. He would append to the British ensign a single large star, with points representing each province, radiating from a common centre. As the provinces increase the element of constancy would be obtained by increasing the points of the star—one for each new province. Mr. Fleming's suggestion seems to be a good one, and the *Week's* illustration on its cover, of a red ensign with a large white star on the lower part of the flag, is appropriate.

From British Columbia: "Through the kindness of a friend I have received a copy of the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW. I have read it with much pleasure and profit; so much so that I enclose the subscription fee with this letter, and shall look forward eagerly to the next issue." M.