

FROM the Antipodes comes a bright exchange, the *Australian Journal of Education*, that has a flavor of excellence about it that speaks well for education in the sister commonwealth. Long may it flourish!

THE *Ottawa Naturalist* is doing excellent service to the teachers of Canada by the publication of its series of valuable nature-study articles. The contributors are from different portions of the Dominion and well known for their interest in the subject. The papers when finished will be published in separate form and will make a useful contribution to nature-study.

THE St. John County Teachers' Institute programme will be found on another page.

THE announcements made by Chief Supt. Dr. Inch in another column are of great interest to all New Brunswick teachers, especially in regard to Lt.-Governor Snowball's generous offer of prizes.

THE *Atlantic Monthly* is the leading American magazine. Its prospectus on another page will interest all our readers.

CHAIRMAN C. R. HOBEN, of the Halifax School Board, makes a strong plea for superannuation allowances for teachers. His report is noteworthy for its progressive tone. He recommends the extension of manual training and the establishment of vacation schools.

THE Dominion Educational Association will meet in Winnipeg in July next. The last session was held in Ottawa in 1901. There should be a large attendance of teachers from the east, but in order to secure this result the meeting should be well advertised, and early and authentic information given as to the cost of the trip. Will there be a side trip, and at what cost, to the Pacific coast? This, if placed at a low rate, would be a great inducement for teachers to go to the association. The time suggested for the meeting is July 13-15. This would suit eastern teachers very well. The provisional programme will be ready, it is announced, in January. Mr. W. A. McIntyre, the secretary, and an efficient committee in Winnipeg, are working hard to have a great meeting. It is to be hoped their efforts will be crowned with success, and a representative body of teachers gathered from all parts of the Dominion, making the D. E. A. a reality rather than a name.

The Need of the Hour.

In another column Mr. Estabrooks, the president of the New Brunswick Teachers' Union, makes a clear and pointed statement as to the objects of that association, and one which should arouse the attention of every teacher in the province. His argument that in a season of almost unprecedented prosperity throughout the country, when wages of every class of workers and the cost of living have advanced, the salaries of teachers have not increased, is one that should weigh with every thoughtful man and gain for the movement consideration and sympathy.

From year to year we are placing a higher standard for our teachers to reach, and we believe the great majority of them are honestly striving to reach that standard. Do the people recognize this and show their appreciation by a material increase of salaries? Teachers who have expected it have been deluded. And what a foolish economy it is, and what a reckless waste, to have no permanence in teaching,—to see teachers compelled to leave the work when they have learned to do it with some facility and give place to those lacking experience and fitness.

Every community decides for itself the kind of teacher it will employ. Too often the one who will work for the least salary is preferred. Sometimes the people pay too much; sometimes they get what they pay for; often they receive far higher value and refuse to pay accordingly. This is the regrettable feature, and one which associations of teachers should strive to remedy by doing some missionary work such as the REVIEW pointed out last month. Who will look after this matter of properly adjusting teachers' salaries? Legislators can bring influence to bear upon communities; tax-payers can be educated to see the folly and parsimony of denying to teachers their rights; and teachers, especially those who occupy good positions and are in receipt of comfortable salaries can extend a strong helping hand to those who have taken the laboring oar in this movement. The great need of the hour is for all teachers to unite and study actual conditions.

The delegates from the various teachers' unions in New Brunswick will meet at 10 a. m. on the 22nd of December, in the Aberdeen School, Moncton, the use of the building having been kindly placed at their disposal by the Moncton School Board. There should be a full attendance of delegates, and we hope the discussion of this question may be carried on with spirit and wisdom.