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EDITORIAL NOTES.

AS WE are now entering upon the third year of our journal's existence, we may say, that we hope that our readers may find us sparing no reasonable effort or expense to make the REVIEW useful to all classes. We feel that for the common school teacher and the young student we must make an effort for further simplification and condensation in our teaching aids. While for the more advanced we must attempt higher and more systematic outlines. Our work in natural science is not to recast the matter already in our text-books, but to supplement the schoolroom and the learning public with aids for which there are no appropriate text-books. This is one reason why lessons on nature should be made a specialty in educational papers at the present time. We are not confined to any special department of work however. As the demand may vary, so shall we endeavor to secure supply. Our object will be to stimulate the acquirement of practical knowledge, instead of fictitious knowledge; a knowledge found by examining nature, as it is, instead of imagining how it ought

to be. The best education is that which makes man the most useful. The highest culture is the one which in the long run makes man the happiest and best servant of his race.

ATTENTION is directed to our advertising columns of this issue. Our readers will find there a variety of interesting matter.

THE programmes of the N. B. and N. S. Educational Conventions will be found elsewhere; also the standards for matriculation to N. S. colleges.

THE closing exercises in connection with the Mt. Allison institutions at Sackville are just over as we go to press. The year has been a remarkably prosperous one, not only to the college but to the academies. The number of students in attendance has equalled if not exceeded that of previous years, and the popularity of these institutions is shown by the numbers who assemble from all quarters to witness the anniversary exercises, the enthusiasm that is called forth on these occasions, the good feeling which exists between faculty and students, and the liberal support which is being extended to Mt. Allison, not only by the immediate friends of the institution but by the public at large in the three provinces. The excellent administration of Dr. Inch and his able assistants makes a still greater success and popularity probable in the coming years.

THE American Institute of Instruction, of which Ray Greene Huling, New Bedford, Mass., is the secretary, will meet this year on July 8 to 12, at Bethlehem, N. H., amid the fine scenery of the White Mountains.

THE general interest aroused by our astronomical articles warrants our giving more careful attention to our astronomical notes than heretofore. The calculations are made specially for the Atlantic provinces; and it is hoped they are just of a kind most likely to be useful to the student desirous of making a practical acquaintance with the elements of this sublime and useful science.