

EDITORIAL NOTES.

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AMONG the resolutions passed at the session of the W. C. T. U. in St. John last week, was one favoring compulsory education.

THE article in another column on the Tonic Sol-fa System is from the pen of the Rev. James Anderson, M. A. It presents a most interesting array of facts on an important subject, and we bespeak for it a careful and attentive perusal.

WE expect to have a description of the new buildings of Dalhousie College at an early date for the benefit of our readers. It is being constructed after a full consideration of what is best in the most renowned Universities of Europe and America.

WE feel sure that the gratification of our readers in perusing the article contributed by Chief Supt. Allison in another column will be a sufficient reward to that gentleman for snatching some moments from the pressure of official duties, and induce him to make another "hasty promise" in the near future.

AN Inspector: "The REVIEW is too powerful an ally to have its claims ignored. It deserves not only recognition but the hearty support of every live educationist in the Province. It is performing more than it promised in the first number. I commend it to every teacher. I hope their subscriptions are coming in steadily. The editors of the REVIEW are doing their work nobly. That their efforts may be ably seconded by the teachers all over the Province is my earnest desire."

DR. C. HART MERRIAM, Chief of Division of Ornithology and Mammology, of the United States Department of Agriculture, has published the Ornithologist's Report for 1886. The report is extremely valuable, and we shall take the liberty of referring to it at some future time. Congress makes an appropriation for entomology. In addition, \$10,000 was voted last year for the information collected by Dr. Merriam's Division. This shows the value put by an intelligent government on such educational work as the REVIEW endeavors to incorporate with the book work of our common schools.

THE abolition of residence at the University of New Brunswick goes into effect the ensuing term. The utility of the step is a matter of debate. Though the arguments in favor of residence depend mainly upon sentiment, yet considerations of sentiment are sometimes weighty and far-reaching. College residence, under wholesome and wise restraints, gives a zest to student life that nothing else can supply. If the rooms that have been used for dormitories are required for lecture-room accommodation the question of sentiment should yield to that of utility. So far as we can understand this necessity does not exist; and while there are suitable accommodations, and a sufficient number of students are willing to avail themselves of the privilege of residence and do not abuse that privilege, it seems difficult to understand why it should be denied them.

WE shall publish in our next issue the reports of the committees appointed to revise the courses of study for Grammar and Superior Schools in the Province of New Brunswick. These reports were laid before the Educational Institute at the meeting in July last, received, and ordered to be published in the REVIEW, in order that those interested may have the fullest opportunity to examine the proposed courses and discuss any points therein. These courses have been a fruitful theme of discussion at the meetings of the Educational Institute for some years with but little result. Any changes in the course of study leading from the common school to the university, tending to complete our present excellent course of common school education, ought not to be deferred any longer; and in common with many teachers who have expressed themselves on this point we hope that the Institute may next year be prepared with such a course as they can confidently recommend the Board of Education to adopt.

A DESPATCH from Ottawa states that the Gilchrist Scholarship has been won by Mr. W. C. Murray, of Kings Co., N. B., a graduate of Fredericton University. There were five competitors from Canada, four of whom are in the honors' list. This is an excellent showing for our Lower Province students, for all of them, we believe, hail from this section of the Dominion. Mr. Murray stood third on the list of competitors in the original honors' list. With such results as this, a move ought to be made to induce the trustees of the Gilchrist Fund to continue the scholarship instead of withdrawing it finally, as seems to be the present intention.