

—The "slöjd" system of manual training is beginning to be tried in a tentative manner in one or two places in Great Britain. Among the class taught by Miss Chapman and Miss Nyström in Birmingham during the Christmas holidays, were schoolmasters and schoolmistresses who mean to introduce slöjd work into their schools. In a little while, they may be able to let us know from experience how the system works. Such experiments are necessary before a scheme of this kind could be tried on a large scale, and it is the proper function of private schools to lead the way, as they are freer to move.

—A quarter of a century ago, a proposition was made by the teachers of Nova Scotia to start an educational journal. Over the meeting at which the proposition was made the Rev. Dr. Forrester presided, the man to whom Nova Scotia may indeed be grateful for the impress which his life-work left upon the educational institutions. The journal was started, to be followed in turn by many others; and yet it seems strange that notwithstanding the literary activity which has prevailed among the teachers of the lower provinces in support of such educational periodicals, no extended life has ever appeared of the "father of free schools" in Nova Scotia. Is there not something ungrateful in this neglect on the part of those who first draw inspiration from the Stowe of the Maritime Provinces.

—The American Institute of Instruction, believed to be the oldest teachers' organization in the world, holds its annual meeting this year at Newport, R.I., July 9 to 13. Indications points to a large and enthusiastic gathering from New England and the Middle States. Dr. J. G. Fitch of London, the distinguished author of "Lectures on Teaching," will speak on the "Evolution of Character," and the services of other prominent educationists have been secured. While the main interest will be educational, there will, as in former years, be no lack of elements pleasing to the general public; for the citizens of Newport seem to be vying with the officers of the Institute to make the occasion one of delightful recreation, as well as of positive intellectual benefit. Hotels offer generous reductions, railroad fares are placed very low, and membership, on which all these courtesies are conditioned, is open to all, whether teachers or not, and is easily secured at the meeting. Bulletins giving complete details to