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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THURSDAY, Nov. 17th, has been set apart by the Dominion Government as a day of Thanksgiving, and will, therefore, be a school holiday.

SIR WM. DAWSON, who has given McGill University a world-wide fame, addressed a large convention of teachers the other day at Huntingdon, Quebec. Sir William was the pioneer reformer of Nova Scotian education. The hope has been expressed that these provinces may have the good fortune to enjoy his presence at one of our own conventions.

THE *Evening Mercury*, St. John's, Newfoundland, pays a very praiseworthy attention to the education of the Island. In that respect, it is ahead of many of our leading continental newspapers. It concludes a two-column article in one issue in these words: "The natural history of the Island should also be taught (in the public schools), and now that we have a museum of a creditable character, how interesting

and instructive might visits of pupils to that institution be made if they were accompanied by a teacher; and what an impulse and pleasure thus given to the study of the geology, mineralogy, zoology, etc., of the land we live in!"

THE N. B. Natural History Society is about to open its rooms and museum to teachers and others in St. John and vicinity who may wish to take a course of elementary lectures in natural science, conducted somewhat after the methods of the Summer School. The lectures and use of the museum are free to all who join the Society. Further particulars, with the subjects and lectures, will be announced soon.

FOR variety of contents and usefulness we believe this number, which completes the first half year of the REVIEW, will compare favorably with any of its predecessors. The article on the constellations, which has been illustrated by Mr. Flewwelling, will, we hope, give fresh interest to the study of the stars, which at this season present such facilities for observation. These illustrations will be continued in future numbers of the REVIEW.

DURING the past month Teachers' Institutes have been held in Gloucester, Northumberland, Albert, and St. John. We have full reports of these meetings, but to do justice to them would take up more space than we can at present command. Besides, the local papers have given full reports of the proceedings. We should like to give, in future issues of the REVIEW, the substance of important papers, and emphasize material points brought out in the discussions at these Institutes. We have on hand, but are compelled to hold over till next issue, the substance of the addresses of Mr. Parkin at the York County Institute, and Inspector Oakes at the Carleton Institute on "Teaching the Principles of Civil Government." We have noticed other excellent papers which we are sure would be of general interest outside of the gatherings before which they were read. Contributors must bear in mind a former request—to be brief and to the point. Only in that way can we serve the interests of our patrons.