

Bobby's Question.

The scholars were standing in two little rows;
 The sun through the windows shone bright,
 While soft little airs on the tips of their toes
 Came tripping with April delight.
 And Bobby looked up as they gently went by;
 They told him a tale of the spring,
 And talked of the clouds in the happy blue sky,
 And all that summer would bring.
 He heard not the voice of the teacher at all,
 His thoughts had gone out with the sun;
 He stood with the others, his back to the wall,
 Absorbed till the lesson was done.
 "Now ask me some questions," the teacher had cried,
 "Just any that chance to occur."
 Bobby's fingers went up, and he solemnly sighed,
 "How long till the holidays, sir?"

—*Cassell's Little Folks.*

Vacation Time.

All the world is set to rhyme
 Now it is vacation-time,
 And a swelling flood of joy
 Brims the heart of every boy.
 No more rote and no more rule,
 No more staying after school
 When the dreamy brain forgets
 Tiresome tasks the master sets;
 Nothing but to play and play
 Through an endless holiday.

Morn or afternoon may all
 Swing the bat and catch the ball;
 Nimble-footed, race and run
 Through the meadows in the sun,
 Chasing winged scraps of light,
 Butterflies in darting flight;
 Or where willows lean and look
 Down at others in the brook,
 Frolic loud the stream within,
 Every arm a splashing fin.

Where the thorny thickets bar,
 There the sweetest berries are;
 Where the shady banks made dim
 Pebbly pools, the shy trout swim:
 Where the boughs are mossiest,
 Builds the humming-bird a nest;—
 These are haunts the rover seeks,
 Touch of tan upon his cheeks,
 And within his heart the joy
 Known to no one but a boy.
 All the world is set to rhyme
 Now it is vacation-time!

—*A Boy's Book of Rhyme.*

There's a little bit of a fellow whose name you all know
 well,
 Who has a pitiful grievance of which I wish to tell.
 He makes but little pretension, is satisfied all the while,
 To linger around the ends of things and finish them up
 in style,

But plenty of boys and girls, he says, and folks much
 older, too,
 Seem often bent on slighting him in a way they shouldn't
 do.

They're cuttin' him off and shuttin' him out and snubbin'
 him, one by one,
 Till he really can scarcely hear himself from morn till
 set of sun.

Dressin' and eatin' and drinkin'—they're always keepin'
 him down,
 While talkin', too, and studyin', too, or goin' about the
 town.

Now I want to put it before you, the boys and girls and all,
 If it isn't mean and unfair and hard to crowd against the
 wall

And shove him out of his proper place—set him off on a
 shelf—

A wee little modest fellow who can never help himself.
 And the worst of it all is coming, that, when this wrong
 you do,

It is not only bad for him, but very much worse for you.
 So now, young friends, with your dainty ways, who always
 wish to please,

Don't let your tongue do careless work, but try and mind
 your g's.
 —*Youth's Companion.*

Rural Science School.

The next session of the Rural Science School will be held in Truro, from July 11th to August 11th, 1911. This school is in affiliation with the Provincial Normal and Agricultural Colleges, and all the laboratory equipment and resources of these institutions are available for the work of the school. The facilities for scientific study are, therefore, exceptionally good.

The Rural Science School is under authority of the Council of Public Instruction, the only appropriate source of Rural Science Diplomas and Certificates qualifying for additional Government grants.

The course of study extends over three sessions and leads to the R. S. Diploma. A student, however, who attends for one session and passes the examinations and tests on the subjects of study for the term is eligible for an additional Government grant of \$15 for the following school year—(see *Journal of Education*, April, 1911, page 43, Reg. 91). This means that every student, who attends the school for one year, may obtain the equivalent of, at least a \$15 Scholarship. Besides, the Government will pay transportation of all Nova Scotia teachers attending the school.

Under the revised regulations (April *Journal of Education*, page 43), the holder of a R. S. Diploma may obtain an additional grant of \$30 per annum, whether or not the school section furnishes a school garden, provided other conditions are satisfied.

The course of study has been arranged as follows:—

First Term.—Nature Study, Botany, and any two of "A."