
EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Interprovincial Association of teachers, to be held in St. John in July next, will be the most important educational gathering ever held in these provinces. The provisional programme published on our first page will be read with interest. Eminent Canadian teachers will be present and address the Convention. The people of St. John will extend a cordial welcome to the visitors, and everything points to the success of a meeting which has for its object a closer union among the teachers of the three provinces.

INFORMATION about the Summer School of Science of Nova Scotia, can be obtained from the Secretary, Prof. J. B. Hall, Ph.D., Normal School, Truro, N.S.

J. SCOTT HUTTON, M.A., Principal of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Halifax, N. S., sends a circular to the teachers of Nova Scotia, pointing out that the law of the province provides *free* education and board for the deaf mutes at the institution, and asks them to co-operate with him in bringing this fact to the knowledge of any who may be benefited thereby.

AT a convention of teachers held at Regina, N. W. Territory, recently, the series of copy-books published by J. & A. McMillan, of St. John, received very cordial approval. The series will probably be adopted for use in the schools of that territory.

WE hope that Arbor Day will be even more generally observed this year than last. To make it successful preparations cannot be made too early. A portion of the April and May numbers of the REVIEW will be devoted to plans and suggestions for the successful observance of the day.

REV. D. HONEYMAN, D.C.L., F.R.S.C., F.S.Sc. (Lond.), the well-known Nova Scotian geologist, author of "Giants and Pigmies," has colored a geological map of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island for the Pictou Academy. He is also preparing a similar map for the Halifax Academy, we understand. His latest work, "Giants and Pigmies," which is an outline of the geology of these provinces compared with the geology of the world, is sold at fifty cents. It has received distinguished commendations both at home and from abroad.

WE have to thank D. Wilson, Esq., A. B., Inspector of Schools, New Westminster, for a copy of the Annual Report of Public Schools of British Columbia for 1887. We recognize many familiar names on its pages of teachers from the Atlantic Provinces.

SAID a teacher the other day: "I like the REVIEW well, but could you not bestow more attention on the primary work of schools." We are anxious to do so; and invite teachers to contribute to the pages of the REVIEW, methods and plans which they have found to work satisfactorily in their schools. Successful and experienced teachers can be of great assistance to the more inexperienced in this way. At the same time it may not be amiss to caution young teachers against accepting the methods of others, except as hints from which they may elaborate materials for lessons to suit their particular needs. It is not so much the method that tells as the spirit, intelligence and enthusiasm with which it is carried out; and little or no enthusiasm can be aroused in a class by presenting a "ready-made" lesson, or one which the teacher has not made his own by careful preparation. There is a joy, too, in exercising one's ingenuity in adapting working methods to suit particular needs, and an enthusiasm is aroused and a confidence begotten that no tame acceptance of plans of school work can afford. And then it fosters what we should all strive to cultivate—more individuality in teaching.

IN a paper read before the N. B. Natural History Society recently, Mr. J. Vroom of St. Stephen contributed some interesting statements concerning the amelioration of our climate, gathered from his observations of the flora of the Province. He pointed out that plants of a southern character are gradually working their way northward, while those of a boreal type are gradually retreating. An interesting case of this migration is the *Lobelia cardinalis* which, gradually working its way through Charlotte County from the westward, has reached the valley of the St. John by way of Eel River.

THE Dalhousie College *Gazette* does not look with favor on the contemplated opening of the college early in September. It will not enable the students to attend college during the winter and teach during the summer term. All our colleges in Nova Scotia meet with the same difficulty. An annual school term commencing in August or September is apparently the arrangement which commends itself to the views of our collegiate and university educators. A student could then teach a full year, alternating with a year in college, instead of a half year as now, with a total loss of a great portion of the summer term.

AT the next meeting of the Albert County, N. B., Teachers' Institute, to be held in October, prizes will be awarded to pupils of the schools showing best work in the subjects of Standards III.-VII. inclusive.