

features of this great school. Mr. Parkin has approached and performed his part of the work with the instinct of the true teacher and friend. He lets Mr. Thring's work speak for itself. In simple language he has described the noble purposes and lofty ideal of this great teacher and the results accomplished.

MR. KINGO MIYABE, a Japanese botanist who is pursuing a special course in cryptogamic botany at Harvard is making a collection of fungi on Grand Manan. He will communicate the result of his studies and observations in a paper to the N. B. Natural History Society the coming winter. This will be the first attempt to arrange systematically the fungi of any portion of the province, and the paper and accompanying list will be looked for with interest.

THE resignation of Mrs. Carr, Principal of the Victoria School and of the Girls' High School, St. John, has caused deep regret in educational circles, not only in St. John but elsewhere throughout the province. Her influence as a teacher made a permanent impression on the mind and character of those under her charge, and whatever station Mrs. Carr may fill in the future she will be followed by the heartiest good wishes for her happiness.

THE N. B. Normal School opened on the first week in September. The English literature subjects for the June examination, 1889, as given by the Chief Superintendent of Education, are: Class I., Royal Reader VI. and Shakespear's "Hamlet." Class II., Royal Readers V. and IV. Class III., Royal Reader IV.

A LETTER from Japan, from a lady teacher in the Normal School at Shidznoka formerly from Halifax, tells us with what appreciation her copies of the REVIEW were read by the teachers of the Normal School. To show how the Japanese teachers can write English, and also appreciate a good educational periodical, we append the note received by Miss C.:

MISS C. —
NORMAL SCHOOL, June 20th, 1888.
I am much obliged to you for your having lent me your EDUCATIONAL REVIEW, which gave me and some others so much benefit. Now, I return them back to you with many thanks. One more number of the REVIEW a teacher in my school wishes to have a little longer, so I will return it to you a little after. And I remain,
Yours very sincerely,
Shidznoka, Japan. I. SUGANUMA.

THE importance attached to the kindergarten system by the National Educational Association of the United States is shown by the very influential character of its kindergarten department. The desire to assist the development of the system in Canada was very gracefully and effectively indicated by the

following telegram, conveying a resolution of congratulation to the "Fröbel Institute," of Nova Scotia. No separate section of our interprovincial convention has elicited so much attention from our co-workers in convention on the other side of the line.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

SAN FRANCISCO *via* TRURO, August 14.

To Mrs. Hinkle Candon:

Kindergarten Department of National Educational Association passed resolution of congratulation to "Fröbel Institute of Nova Scotia." Please present the same.

SARAH COOPER,
President Golden Gate Kindergarten Association.

The Truro "Kindergarten Committee," virtually part of the "Fröbel Institute," are requested to receive this resolution as addressed also specially to them, as *their work* is the special object of sympathy.

THE notice of the opening of the N. S. Normal School in November appears in another column. In addition to the staff of skilled instructors in this institution, the student teachers are to receive the advantages of kindergarten instruction. We congratulate Principal Calkin on this step, which cannot fail to give a wonderful impetus to primary education throughout the province.

THE annual gathering of the Bands of Mercy in connection with the S. P. C. A. took place on Saturday afternoon, September 8th, in the Mechanics' Institute, St. John. No more pleasing and encouraging sight could be witnessed than the throng of bright faced happy children gathered together for the purpose of renewing their pledge and to listen to addresses and exercises, the object of which was to stimulate their interest in the humane treatment of animals. Mr. John Sears, President of the S. P. C. A., gave an address, in which he explained the objects of the Bands of Mercy and their progress in England and on this continent. Miss Murray, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and patroness of the bands, addressed the members, urging them to greater activity in the work. The prize for the best essay on "Personal Observations on the Habits of Animals" was given to Ernest Smith of the Centenary Band. The pledge, recited by all the Bands standing, was— "We agree to be kind to animals, to do all in our power to protect them from cruelty, and to promote their humane treatment." The effect of such gatherings as these, and the instilling into young minds kindness towards the lower animals, cannot fail to be attended with the happiest results. And the efforts of the ladies and gentlemen who are devoting themselves to the furtherance of this movement are worthy of imitation.