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We thank all those subscribers who have so kindly sent us the August numbers of the REVIEW that we asked for last month.

The index to Volume XXVI which, through a misunderstanding, was not published, as is usual, with the June number, is sent out with this issue.

The attention of teachers of Nature Study and Agriculture is directed to our report on another page of Director Steeves' address to the teachers of Westmorland County, and especially to his warning that the work for School Gardens must

be begun in the autumn. The Bulletin of instructions may be obtained from Mr. Steeves at Sussex.

Owing to an unfortunate misprint, the article in our August issue entitled "An Ideal Teacher" was not correctly credited. This testimony to the late Dr. Hay was written by Miss Susan E. Cameron, a graduate of the St. John High School, now Vice-Warden of the Royal Victoria College, Montreal.

In our zeal for utilitarian education, are we in danger of neglecting the training for enjoyment of beauty in Nature and in Art? Dr. Parkin is warning us not to let our young people fix their hopes and ambitions solely on material prosperity. Mr. Vroom pleads for the study of field botany, that we may learn to see the loveliness of the plant in its own surroundings, and he shows us how the study of ferns may train our eyes to recognize the beauty of form. Is not that teaching "practical" which will add to the pleasure of our daily lives?

There is no time in the year when the beauty of our country makes a more startling appeal than in late September and early October. Look where we will, we see a glory of colour in marsh and wood, over hillside and plain. Blue sky, brown streams breaking into foam against gray rocks, maples glowing among the firs, masses of golden brown brakes, birches like splashes of sunlight in the dimness of the evergreens, stretches of swamps all a warm red broken by pools of still, dark water—these and countless other beauties call to us to rejoice in the splendour of the passing year. "It is a fine thing to have a fair land, even though it be a poor one" said Nansen, as he sailed along the coast of Norway on his way to the far North. And we Canadians, while giving thanks on the national Thanksgiving Day for the wealth, peace and prosperity of our country, may lift up our hearts in the words of the Psalmist and say "The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground; yea, I have an heritage of beauty."\*

\*Ps. xvi, 6; Jeremiah, iii, 19, margin.