

which the tree is subjected, A dry, cold climate produces more brilliant foliage than one that is damp and warm. For this reason the foliage in mountain regions is more gorgeous than that nearer the sea.

The changes in color of the leaves of various trees is a very interesting and valuable study for children. The leaves of which trees turn yellow, then brown? Which one turns bright red? What leaves turn a dark red? If their attention is called to this colour study pupils will enjoy watching the various changes, and there is no more helpful aid in training to close observation in all nature study. How little these colour changes are noticed by people generally is shown by the following incident:

Several years ago, in a company of some twenty people, the question was asked whether the leaves on maple trees turned first red, then yellow, then brown, or whether the leaves of some trees turned red, and those on others, brown. Although there were several college professors, and the company was an unusually intellectual one, not a person present had ever noticed the maple trees, with which the streets of most of our towns are shaded, carefully enough to know how they do turn. Since then, several of the company have been noticing, and they have found that some maple trees turn—but never mind, let pupils find this out, if they can.—*Priscilla.*

Books Received and Reviewed.

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The October number of the *Atlantic Monthly*, which we referred to last month as being a special anniversary number, contains, among the many papers of general interest, one of especial educational timeliness on "The Training of Teachers," by Frederick Burk, in which he contrasts the old view of childhood and the new. This is an article that cannot but be read with enjoyment by teachers everywhere.

In the October number of the *Canadian Magazine*, Mr J. A. Dresser, of Richmond, advocates a Dominion school system, and the editor discusses the condition of elementary education. Dr. Bourinot has an interesting article on the