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#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

WITH this issue the REVIEW enters on its fourth year. We do not imagine that our success has been due to the excellence of our work. We know that many must have been supporting and helping on our circulation because they felt that a home educational press was a necessity, both from an educational and a patriotic point of view. We are quite conscious of the fact that we cannot write to suit the wants of the advanced specialist and the beginner. Nor did we hope to be equally interesting to the theorist, professors of universities, and teachers of our primary schools. We have attempted to distribute our attentions, while keeping all in touch with the current of educational life in our provinces. We must have succeeded to a very fair degree, judging by results. Yet we have not done all we expected; and our task therefore still remains before us. We expect to be able to enlarge and give more special attention to series of short exercises on all the subjects of our school course. These we shall endeavor as far as possible to make of use to advanced as well as primary teachers. We shall also endeavor to remember that our Journal should always contain material for the general edification of all our readers, especially in the departments which appear more conspicuously neglected in the general newspaper.

While in the leading counties and sections of these provinces nearly all the teachers are patrons of the REVIEW as well as many others interested in education and elementary science, there are several sections and counties in which but comparatively few copies circulate. There are many good reasons why this should be so. Teachers may be supplied with foreign literature, may not require any literature at all, may not approve of our educational policy, may not be able to save a dollar from their too scanty salaries during a whole year, or, as we suppose the case generally is, are not aware of the existence and the "excellence" of the Review. This last we propose to remedy: for we shall have very much pleasure in putting before any one who desires it, a copy of our paper. We cannot sufficiently thank our friends, many of them personally unknown to us, for their kind words and their assistance in extending our circulation. We trust that during the year now entered upon we shall be enabled to attain to something more in effectiveness than we have hitherto attempted; and we feel assured of the assistance of our friends in the future as in the past to help us to attain more nearly the ideal of an educational journal.

THE Nova Scotia Editor wishes specially to thank a number of teachers throughout the Province for their kind words, and their efforts to extend the influence of the Review. With extended patronage the Review can be still further improved.

LUNENBURG is fortunate in the appointment of H. H. Mackintosh, late Principal of the County Academy, to the inspectorship of the district; and in the succession of B. McKittrick, late Principal of Sydney Academy, to the County Academy.

issue will repay our readers.

With the correspondent at Dayspring Pro., Lunen. burg, N S., who enclosed a dollar to the REVIEW, kindly send us his name in order that he may receive proper credit?

WE can now but barely refer to the reports of the Super intendent of Education for Nova Scotia. While the "registration" for the year has diminished, the "attendance" has been the greatest in the history of the province-a very healthy sign. The school sections have increased from 1860 to 1886. Total expenditure for education \$212,921-86, being an increase of \$1,725.57 during the year. Male teachers decreased eleven and female teachers increased thirty-seven-The salaries of male teachers of the first class increased on an average ten cents. Salaries of females of the first class decreased eighty two cents. Salaries of second class male decreased \$3.62; of female second class \$5,47, of third class males, decrease \$7.94, of third class females, decrease six cents. Heavy downward tendency in lower grades.

Arron Day was observed throughout New Brunswick on the 16th of May. From the reports observed, in those districts where trees were planted, and other exercises appropriate to the day were carried out, the interest is this important work of decorating and making school grounds beautiful, is increasing year year by year.

In Halifax a circular order was transmitted to all the schools by Secretary Wilson, ordering the schools to celebrate the 13th as Arbor Day, by a litresses on arboriculture, or other exercises impressing the value of tree callure on the pupils, for one hour; the schools then to be dismissed for the purpose of planting trees In the Academy an address was given by the Principal: and two trees were planted and delicated to the late Principal Dr. G.Ipin, and the late English Master, Mr. Waddell. At St. Patrick's High School, Aloro Street School, Morris Street School, Richmond School, and at other schools, similar exercises were carried out.

THE St. John School of Music was opened by Mass Hitchens in September last. It comprised classes in vocal music only. Receiving considerable encouragement and patronage, it was thought advisable to add instrumental Music, elocution and French. There are now over thirty pupils in attendance. Miss Whitman, of the New England Conservatory, Boston, teaches Plano, Harmony-Theory. Miss Gerow, Gradnate of the Datroit School of Oratory has charge of the Elecution; Miss Hitchens, pupil of L. P. Mor-

A CABILLI review of the advertising columns of this rill of Boston, one of their leading teachers, has charge of the vocal.

> Such an institution is very much needed in St. John, and Miss Hitchens deserves success for the energy she has shown in establishing the school and conducting it so far with success.

> A FEW months ago there was noticed in these columns a work on the Economic Mollusca of Acadia, by W. F. Ganong M. A., of Harvard University. It is a cheap and valuable publication, and the student in his vacation rambles along the sea-shore, or at the Science School, will find this an invaluable work, written in a popular vein, but it is a concise and scientifically accurate presentation of the subject. It is for sale by Barnes & Co., St. John, for fifty cents.

> A Die flonary published fifty years ago may serve as a literary curiosity, but it can hardly serve now as a standard authority, so great have been the advances in philology and the coining of new words in arts and science especially. Yet a Chicago publishing house has reprinted Webster's Dictionary of 1847, copyright on it having expired by the lapse of 42 years. Teachers should be on their guard and not be deceived by attempts to impose on them a cheap reprint with defective vocabulary, and many of the commonest scientific words of to-day absent from its pages.

> D. C. HEATH & Co., Boston, will shortly publish a manual on the Reproduction of Geographical Forms, divided in two parts-I. Treating of sand and claymodelling with respect to geographical forms, and II. Of map-drawing and map projection. We have been permitted to see the proof sheets of this work, and think that in the hands of an intelligent teacher, excellent results may be accomplished. Although the bractions contained in it are general rather than specials, sufficient valuable suggestions are given to aves' the study of geography with a fascination to both teacher and pupil.

> As interesting contribution to Canadian history is contained in a paper presented to the Royal Society of Canada in 1889 by W. F. Ganong, on the Influence of Cartier's voyages on early Cartography. This has just been published in the Transactions of the Society, and with the maps accompanying it serve to illustrate an interesting period of early history.

> At the recent meeting of the Royal Society in Ottawa the following papers were read: Illustrations of the Fauna of the St. John Group No 5, by G. F. Mathew: The evidence of a Nova Scotia Carboniferous Conglomerate, by E. Gilpin; and Southern Inverbrates on the Shores of Acadia, by W. F. Ganong.

#### CLOSE OF THE EDUCATIONAL YEAR.

The enconial exercises of the N. B. University this year were even more brilliant than usual. There was a large gathering of representative men. Dr. Harrison gave an interesting sketch of the life and work of Sir Howard Douglas, the Alumni oration of Rev. J. deSoyres was a scholarly effort, and the conferring of the honorary degree of LL. D. on Lt.-Governor Sir Leonard Tilley called forth great enthusiasm.

The University deserves the hearty support and confidence of the people of New Brunswick, for it fulfils in a marked degree its true function of a Provincial University. It places a sound collegiate training within the reach of all classes of the public, and that, too, on the strictly non-sectarian lines which have been permanently adopted as the basis of our common school system. And the true interests of higher education will be best served, not by narrowing its course of study, but by enlarging the scope of its training by establishing additional chairs. This requirs additional endowment; but among its graduates are men of influence and money. Although the University is a state institution there are many ways in which this influence and money could be used in behalf of their alma mater by graduates who may be able to trace much of their success in life to her influence. The University has recently been the subject of some very sharp criticism. If she is called upon to give reasons why she should be permitted to exist her graduates ought to answer.

The Halifax Ladies' College, under the Principalship of Miss Leach, has been enjoying an extraordinary run of popularity during the past year. Rev. Robert Laing, the real founder of the institution, has just been appointed Secretary by the Directors. He has accordingly resigned the pastorate of one of the largest churches in Halifax and accepted the position. As a man with power in addressing the public, as a scholar and as an educationist, he has probably no superior in these provinces. The Halifax Ladies' College has already taken its position as one of the leading institutions of the country.

Kings College is making great preparations for the celebration of its centenary about the end of June. There will be several ecclesiastical dignitaries present from the United States and elsewhere. A better attendance of students is anticipated after this event.

Dalhousie College is resting in the quietness of the Province some the summer vacation. Periodically one of the rooms is provincial gall sembled here,

club of young Halifax lawyers, who are disporting themselves in the forensic gymnasium.

Dalhousie with all its funds for special purposes is reported as going behind to the tune of \$2,000 a year. This is due to the lack of an adequate fund for the general expenses. \$50,000 must be raised to meet the emergency.

Steps are being taken to form a more complete Natural History Museum in connection with the institution.

Acadia College has just closed one of its most prosperous sessions, nineteen B. A.'s having been capped. Horton Academy is raising the standard of its work under the new Principal; so that Acadia will henceforward have from that feeder material of a more advanced character to begin with. There are seventy-five now enrolled in this Academy.

The closing exercises at the Mt. Allison Institution took place the last week in May, and as usual drew together a large number of its enthusiastic friends, who at each annual convocation assemble in increasingly large numbers. The work of the year has been such as to beget a still greater confidence in the administration of affairs under its able President, Dr. Inch, and to show that Mt. Allison is year by year keeping pace with educational growth, and increasing its appliances for the higher education.

The closing exercises of the New Brunswick Normal School took place on Friday, June 6th, and were of an interesting character. The excellent quality of the instruction given, was shown in the lessons conducted by the teachers of the different departments. Addresses in commendation of the important work of the school were delivered by several of the visitors present, among whom were His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Tilley, the Chief Superintendent of Education, and the Attorney General.

The public schools in New Brunswick close on the 30th of June for the summer vacation. Those in Nova Scotia a fortnight later. In New Brunswick, those teachers who attend the Educational Institute at Moncton, will close their schools on Wednesday, 25th of June. Full particulars of this meeting of the Institute will be found elsewhere in this issue. It promises to be an interesting session, and the ease with which Moncton is reached from all sections of the Province should draw together one of the largest provincial gatherings of teachers that has ever assembled here.

In Nova Scotia the Educational Association will meet this year at Harifax during the last week of the year. Although the winter season is not so pleasant for travelling it is more favorable in other respects than the summer for such an educational gathering. Those who attend will come with more vigor from the shorter term's work, the impressions received will be less likely to fade from the mind in the brief period before a return to work, and the longer school term between winter and summer vacations will give more opportunity to the teacher to put in practice what has been gained in the council of teachers.

The Nova Scotia Summer School of Science this year will meet at Parrsboro, July 21st, and continue in session two weeks. The promoters of this summer school have aroused and maintained an interest in it. which grows from year to year. This is the result of a very thorough organization, a careful administration on the part of its executive, and an unbounded enthusiasm on the part of both teachers and students in the subjects of the course. The approaching session promises to be attended by greater numbers than any previous one.

Summer schools and educational gatherings in other places will attract a few of our teachers. Very many will spend the vacation quietly and devote their lessure to the gaining of fresh strength for next year's work. Earnest teachers, and those who are sincerely desirous of the welfare of those committed to their charge, will make their vacation, whether it consists of work or play, a recreation indeed-devoting it to the invigoration of mind and body, and gaining, by communion with nature and with other minds, new ideas and purposes.

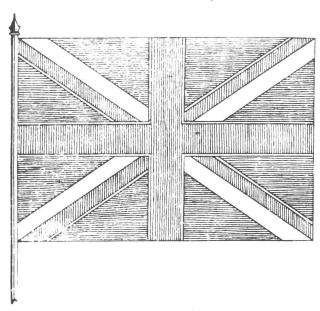
#### SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

While on the whole the average salary of our teachers is not rising, we are glad to notice that when teachers excel in their profession there is an evident disposition on the part of intelligent communities to acknowledge such merit by larger pecuniary remuneration than ever before given in the history of the provinces. Intelligent men know the value of a superior teacher. But among our teachers are some honest ones who have no genius for teaching, and some whose hearts are in the work only so far as is necessary to earn a little money to make a start in some other business. These not only deservedly receive small remuneration, but their presence also tends to reduce the rate of remuneration apathy in any educational effort which does not appear to be likely to increase their salary for the present, or perhaps for the next term. It is not the profession of their choice-merely a make-shift, or a necessity. He who discovers an expedient method of eliminating such individuals from the profession will be the greatest benefactor of his time from an educational point of view.

#### SALARIES OF INSPECTORS.

The development of the County Academies and High Schools of Nova Scotia specially distinguish the last few years of our history. We might also add, the stimulation of technical education, by the encouragenaent of agricultural and mining instruction. The inspector remains yet, however, one of the greatest potencies in the inspiration of both teachers and trustees, as well as being necessary as a supervisor and a statistician. But growth in some departments and the ligature in others may produce a very deformed organic whole. We have referred to the growing appreciation of teachers of special merit in some of our best schools of to-day. Several teachers in more than one county receive higher salaries than are paid inspectors. Now it is admitted on all hands that the inspector should be the first teacher in his county. But should a vacarcy in the inspectorship of some counties occur to day, the best teachers would feel that that appointment would be no promotion, on account the low salary fixed in the olden time. Now the duties of the Inspector are more important than the duties of a teacher; and his influence should be enormously greater, and they are. Yet we find learned, skilful, energetic men worked nearly off their feet, on salaries which are not at all in keeping with the progress of to-day, not at all in proportion to the requirements of their positions, and not at all compatible with the most efficient discharge of their duties to the public. We have been inspired by no inspector in making this note. We just incidentally noticed that the salaries of skilled teachers have been raising, while those of inspectors being fixed by government have remained in statu quo. And we were not long in observing, as any business man at a glance can see, that if an efficient inspector has been appointed he should have an appropriate remuneration, one at least sufficient to enable him to be thoroughly equipped in every respect for the important extremely important - functions of his position. We have no doubt but that our government will give this suggestion a careful consideration; and giving it a careful consideration we have confidence they will do right, even if of deserving teachers. These may be known by their our view should not be exactly entertained,

#### OUR FLAG.



THE UNION JACK.

The winds which press the rolling waves
In phalanx o'er the deep.
And from the Indian palm trees blow
O'er Afric in their sweep.
Until Columbia's mountain pines
Sway on their rocky steep,
Keep streaming in the endless gale
O'er cloud-capped peak and distant sail,
Our meteor flag.—Britannia, Hail!

. Kanaali

TEACHER. When we hoist our flag on the 24th of May, or on the 1st of July, what do we really pay our respects to, when we honor the flag. Is it the cloth or the design?

S. No. Of course not There may be better cloth and more beautiful designs which we never treat with similar respect.

T. Your argument is good. What do we really pay our respects to, then?

S. To what the flag represents.

T. What does the flag represent? The Queen, is it?

S. No. The flag was before the Queen was.

T. The government then? There was no flag before there was some kind of government.

S. I think it represents more than the government, although I can't say exactly what it is. We never think about the government when we cheer for the flag.

T. What do you think about, then, when you cheer for the flag?

S. Of the great things done by people who carried it as we do.

T. Very good. You have a very clear idea. The flag represents the people and what they did. Now what have the people done?

8. They won great victories over other peoples.

ANOTHER S. When they conquered other people they left them better off than they found them.

Another S. They made good laws.

ANOTHER S. They tried to become good and noble, to put down what was wrong and to help others to be good and noble

T. Yes. A great many of them have been distinguished in that way; what more?

JACK The people have also made their own government, so that the flag represents the government, the people, and what the people have done,

T. Capital, Jack. Your idea is quite comprehensive. What is our flag called?

S. The British flag.

ANOTHER S. The British Ensign.

ANOTHER S. The Union Jack.

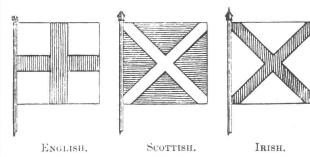
ANOTHER S. The Meteor flag of England.

JACK. The flag that braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze,

T. Well, you are right and wrong. We shall see how. While England's flag has braved the battle and the breeze for a thousand years, the *Union Jack* figured above has been in existence only eighty-nine years to date.

S. How is that?

T. The Union Jack is not England's flag any more than it is that of Scotland or Ireland. The English patron Saint was St. George; and St. George's cross was a red vertical and horizontally armed cross on a white banner. St Andrew's cross was a white diagonally armed cross on a blue banner; St. Andrew was the patron Saint of Scotland. The patron Saint of Ireland was St. Patrick, whose cross is a diagonally armed red one on a white banner. And the English, Scotch and Irish, were once separate kingdoms, with their own banners. Here they are.



In heraldry vertical shading lines represent red, horizontal shading lines blue, and the absence of any marking white.

T. When were England and Scotland united?

S. In 1603.

T. Well, it is then the first Union Jack came into existence. It was a Union of the banners of St. George and St. Andrew.

S. What was it like?

T. A blue banner with the St. Andrew's cross covered with the red cross of St. George. When was Ireland united to England and Scotland,

S. In 1801.

T. Well, on that occasion the red cross of St. Patrick was added to the Union Jack; and so that it would not cover out of sight the white cross of Scotland, the Scotlish and Irish arms of the cross are matched alternately against each other.

S. Then the Union Jack is called the  $U_{A}$  because it is a union of the English. Scottish, and Irish crosses, and this represents the united three Kingdoms

JACK. And the definition it was the English Jack the saller, who wenter it the most glory at first.

T. Very good.

S. It is not the English that then

T No more than it is So utish or Irish flag. The English cross is in front; but the whole blue field as well as the white cross is Scottish. It is the Scottish Lumner plus the cross of St. George and St. Patrick. It is now the British flag. the flag of the world-wide Empire.

S. What is the British Ensign.

T. It is a red flag with the 7 stain the upper corner next the flag stail. The part most distant from the staff is called the fly This flag is also known as the British Merchant Flag. The Naval Reserve Flag has a blue fly. The Mans d-War flag has a white fly divided by a St George's areas the upper inner angle of which is filled with the Union. The flag of the Admiral of the Float is simply the I nion; of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, a union with a harp in the centre. There are many in diffications of the flags to indicate particular kinds of service; but we are concerned only with the Union Jack and the Ensign

8. Isn't there a modification of the Ensign which indicates the Dominion of Canada;

T. So there is And as it is so near Doninion Day, I must let you know it. The Dominion Flag is simply the British Easign with the Camelian Coat of Arms on the fly.

8 And what is the Canadian Coat of Arms!

T. Here it is, on the shield between the supporters, the Lion and the Unicern.



Canada is made up of its provinces; and its Coat of Arms consists of those provinces "quartered, "as the heraldic term is, on the one shield.

S. The Canadian Flag, then, represents the Empire generally and each Province in particular. Which of them are the  $\Lambda rms$  of Nova Scotia?

T. The fish with two thisties above and one below in the centre of the shield,

New Brunswick's is on the left. What is it?

S. A ship with a lion above it.

T. Prince Edward Island's at the bottom on the right?

S. The little tree under the great one,

T. British Columbia's to the left —?

s. The wreath and crown.

T. Manitoba's to the right of Nova Scotia's-

S. The buffalo and red cross,

T. Quebec's, the upper right corner --- ?

S. The three maple leaves, lion and two fleur-de-lis.

T Ontario's on the left side — !

S. The three maple leaves and red cross.

T. What is the tendency of civilization to break up countries into small independent states, or to unite small states into larger ones?

S Union is the tendency.

T. What advantage is there, generally speaking, in union under one government?

S. All matters in the united countries will be settled by law, while if they were separate they might be settled by war.

T. Which is the most widely spread empire in the world?

S. The British Empire.

I. Is it united into one.

S. Yes, but not so closely as smaller states.

T. Would it be any advantage if all the world were united in one great state, "

S. I think it would. They would settle matters then by their laws, and there would be, perhaps, no possibility of war; and there might be fairer trade.

T. Perhaps. What orders of governments subordinate to each other are covered by our flag, beginning with the smallest

S. The School Section Corporation, then the County Municipality, then the Province, then the Dominion, then the Imperial Government.

T. What might come next!

S. Perhaps Tennyson's federation of the world and parliament of man.

T. Well, the Union Jack has evidently the lead in this great work of union. Hurrah for the Union Jack.

Os last Tuesday, at Ottawa, at the opening meeting of the Royal Society. Rev. Principal Grant delivered an address, taking Australian Confederation for his theme. In the course of this address he said:

Referring to the difficulties the Australians would have to overcome in effecting union, he pointed out that they had one advantage over us. No one of them doubted that Australia had a future. There was no party there that corresponded to our repealers, nationalists, or annexationists. We do not know, he said, whether those who have lost faith or who never had faith in a great Canadian commonwealth are many or few; but whether few or many they are our supreme difficulty. What of this or any other difficulty, however: Every nation has difficulties of its own, and in struggling against and overcoming these, men are tested and men are made. Herald (Halifax.)

The Rev. Principal, who has been elected to the Presidency of the Royal Society, ought to be satisfied with the progress of unity in Nova Scotia; for we have just seen something better than a "repeal" government destroyed within the last month. We have seen it converted and endorsed by the country, and especially by the so-called "repeal" party, as a "non-repeal" government. This means a unanimous abandonment of such an agitation for the future.



The Late Superintendent Montgomery.

Died at Charlottetown on 14th May, Mr. Donald Montgomery, Superintendent of Education for Prince Edward Island. Never of robust health he had, during the last few years, suffered from an affection of the heart, but not so seriously as to interfere with the discharge of his duties. About the first of May he was prostrated by an acute attack, and though, at times, it was hoped that he would recover, temporarily at any rate, he died after a short but painful illness of a fortnight.

Mr. Montgomery was born at Valleyfield, P. E. I., about forty-five years ago. After teaching for some time he entered the Prince of Wales College and there prosecuted his studies for three years. As a student he was remarkable for his devotion to his work. He was able, assiduous, and painstaking. Having selected teaching as his life work he devoted himself heart and soul to it, and resolutely determined to equip himself in the best manner possible for the career of his choice. After completing his course with distinction he was appointed to the Grammar School at Harrington, and in the following year, a vacancy having occurred in the Normal School, he was selected as head-master. As a teacher he realized the expectations that were formed of him when a student. was careful, diligent, methodical and intelligent.

Not having been appointed to the Normal School on the passing of the Education Act of 1876, Mr. Montgomery spent part of two years in law studies at Montreal, and when a vacancy occurred in the representation of the fourth district of Queen's County he was returned as its representative. In 1879, he was appointed Superintendent of Education. During these eleven years he has discharged his duties with tact, judgment, and precision, and as an executive officer has left nothing to be desired. Prince Edward Island, during his incumbency, has been singularly free from disputes between teachers, trustees and people, and elementary education has, upon the whole, made satisfactory progress.

### Astronomical Notes.

MARS.

"Mars is too far off, too faint, and too near the Sun.
. . . But just wait until next June."

So said the Review's Astronomical Notes in June, 1889. "Next June" has come, and already many a star-gazer has "pointed to Mars, as he glowed like a ruddy shield on the —-," not "on the Lion's breast," as he did some thirty years ago, when Maud's ghost pointed him out, but on the Scorpion's back.

There is a planet that has been, for the last three months and more, glowing somewhat like a ruddy shield on or near the Lion's breast, but that is not Mars, it is Saturn. And a fine pair he and Regulus have made during these months. With their contrasted colors of orange and blue, they have afforded to the naked eye of the star-gazer much the same kind of sight that a double star like Beta Cygni presents in the telescope.

Last June Mars was "too far off, too faint and too near the Sun," so near the Sun (this refers to his apparent distance) that on the 15th of that month he crossed the meridian only three minutes after the Sun and less than a degree from where the Sun crossed it. So faint, that it would have been easier to see the Pole-star in daylight than to have seen him. And so far off that there were two hundred and forty million miles between him and us. But on the 15th of this June his distance is only forty-six millions; his brightness—well that speaks for itself; and his apparent distance from the Sun is nearly as great as it can be. It was as great as it can be—that is 180°—at the end of May, the very time at which, according to some of our local almanacs, Mars was "too near the Sun to be seen"

With the help of the map in the May Review it will be easy for the star-gazer to follow Mars in his motion among the stars. There may be, among the star-gazing readers of the Review, some who have never yet observed this form of celestial motion. If so, and if you are one of them, go and observe it now, and then you will really know for the first time in your life why a planet was called a planet.

On the evening of June 12th you will find Mars half a degree south of Delta Scorpii-the six point star close to his track on the map. Next evening he will be a little west of that, the evening after a little farther west, and so on until the beginning of July. He will then be more than three degrees west of Delta. During the first week of July there will be very little change in his position. When next a decided change is noticed, he will be found to be moving east-back toward Delta-but farther south than when his motion was retrograde. On July 26th he will be again directly south of Delta, but from two to three times as far from it as he was on June 12th. A fortnight later, on August 9th, he will be due north of Sigma Scorpii, that third magnitude star to the right of Antares. The distance between Mars and Sigma will be nearly a degree. At the same time you will find on the other side of Mars and half a degree away, the fifth magnitude star 19 Scorpii. On August 14th will occur the conjunction between Mars and Antares, the third one this year, and the nearest of the three. The distance will be about a degree and a half.

Less than a tenth of a degree to the north of Mars you will find at the same time another fifth magnitude star, 22 Scorpii.

Before the end of August Mars will have passed out of the region represented on our map. On the 26th of that month he will be just three degrees south of where he was on April 22nd, when he began retrograding. By that time his opposition season will be well over; but we shall have him as evening star until the end of July 1891, and may easily see him any clear evening until about the beginning of next June. Between the time of his leaving Scorpius in Augus. next, and the time when we shall be getting our last look at him as evening star, next. May or June, he will travel through the constellations Ophiuchus, Sagittarius, Capricornus, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus.

In the middle of June 1890 he is about a degree from Delta Scorpii, in the middle of June 1891 he will be about a degree from Epsilon Geminorum. That is quite a lot of travelling in a year for even a planet. Round the shortest way it is a matter of 140 degrees, but the planets are not allowed to go that far that way. Round the way they have to go, this is a distance of 220 degrees. Uranus is a planet as Mars is, but it takes him fifty years to travel over that much of the sky. A star is not a planet, but even the "fixed" stars are in motion-"proper motion" it is called. There is one of them, up near the Big Dipper, which has so much of this motion that it has been named the Runaway Star. With such a name we might expect something extraordinary in the travelling line, but it would take the Runaway Star more than 100,000 years to change its position in the heavens as much as Mars will do between this June and next.

While on his travels Mars meets with all the usual adventures. He passes the stars along his route sometimes year near them and sometimes right over them. Last March he came very near running over Beta Scorpii. He also passes planets that are slower than himself, and is passed by those that are faster. In the middle of November next he will pass Jupiter, at the distance of a degree. The two planets will then be in Capricornus and for some days the pair will be the most conspicuous object in the evening sky.

The moon moves faster in the heavens than Mars and therefore passes him. She is nearer than he is and sometimes passes between him and us and occults him. It would be a fine sight to have an occultation of Mars when he is as big

and bright as he is now.

There has been one occultation of him already this year on April 9th-but it was chiefly for the benefit of the Sandwich Islands and thereabouts. There will be another on October 20th, but to see it well one ought to be out in the Indian Ocean near Kerguelen Island. Next year Mars will again be occulted twice, but neither of them will be visible here. But on July 11th, 1892, there will be one which will be visible here, and Mars will then be bigger and brighter then he has been this year even when at his best. If we happen to live until then and can manage to have a clear sky, we shall see the best occultation provided for this part of the earth since that of Jupiter last September-and that was spoiled to us by fog, or clouds, or smoke,

The wanderings of Mars among the stars and his meetings with the moon, the other planets, and the stars, during these

wanderings these are matters that the star gazer can see for himself, and need not take merely at second hand from his That is why these matters are chiefly dwelt on here. For information on other matters of interest connected with Mars his real motion, his orbit, his distance, his size, his morons, his physics, and his chemistry, and his geology; his continents, and ice caps, and seas, and canals; his days and months, and seasons, and years; his astromoners, and engineers, and farmers, and all the rest of the Marticoli, those who cut the canals and planted the trees along them, and those who have been so long vainly signalling to us stupid terrestrials by means of huge beacon-lights which at this distance and in our best telescopes look like mere luminous points for all these things the star gazer must go to books and magazine articles, and must take whatsoever he does take of them at second-hand.

Another fact that any one may learn by merely using his eyes, is that Mars varies in brightness

Just now he is unusually bright. This is because he is umusually near. At present he is the nearest of all the heavenly bodies, except our moon. He has not been so near since November 1879, and will not be as near again until June 1892. In July and August 1892, he will be nearer and brighter than he is now.

If the orbit of Mars was a circle instead of an ellipse we would have him at his brightest once in every period of two years and two months; and at his brightest he would always be equally bright, and that would be as bright as he was in the middle of May this year. He would be brightest when in "opposition" that is, when seen by us in the part of the set to the part where the sun is. When so situated, the earth is between him and the sun, and his distance from us is only the difference between his distance from the sun and ours. When not in "opposition," his distance from the earth is of course greater than this and he is then less bright.

All this is true of what really happens, except that when in opposition and brightest for the current season, he is not always equally bright. His orbit is an ellipse not a circle, therefore his distance from the sun is not always the same. Neither is the distance of the earth from the sun always the Therefore the difference of these distances is not always the same. And this difference is the distance between the earth and Mars at opposition when he is brightest. Therefore his brightest is not always equally bright. His And this difference is the distance between a opposition brightness is what he showed in the middle May. Let us use this as his standard brightness, and il it 100. If his orbit was circular his brightness at cull it opposition would always be this 100. But, as things are, opposition brightness may be as low as 50, and as high 240. When at the best this year - June 7th, - it was 120. At the last opposition in April 1888, it was less than 70. At the next one in August 1892, it will be 230. On this same scale, his brightness in the middle of each month of the present year is as follows:—January 9, February 9, March 25, April 50, May 100, June 117, July 80, August 50, September 33, October 23, November 17, December 13. Last summer and Autumn, when Mars was on the farther side of the sun, his brightness was less than 4. And so beween August 1889 and August 1892 his brightness varies from 4 to 230

Expressed in terms of star-"Magnitude," the brightness of Mars varies from that of a second magnitude star, like the Pole star, to that of one whose magnitude is minus 2, that is, one which is three "magnitudes" brighter than a standard star of the first magnitude like Altair, or Aldebaran, or Antares. There is no star as bright as that (Sirius is about minus 14) but it is about the brightness of Jupiter at mean opposition.

For the REVIEW

#### Notes for Teaching Music by the Tonic Sol-fa Notation.

SEVENTH PAPER.

A prominent feature in Tonic Sol-fa work has been the preparing pupils for the various certificates issued by the Tonic Sol-fa College, London, England. The preparation for these certificates secures systematic teaching, and is a great stimulus to teacher and pupils. The pupil who passes the requirements for the lowest or Junior Certificate, has made a fair beginning of his musical education, and yet this certificate is quite within the reach of the average pupil of nine or ten years who has received a careful course of twenty lessons of say forty minutes each.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JUNIOR CERTIFICATE.

1. Bring on separate slips of paper the names of three tunes and sol-fa from memory while pointing it on the modulator one of these tunes chosen by lot.

These or similar tunes may be learned for this requirement: the pupil should have a Home Modulator.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc|c} M & :-.f \mid s & d^{\perp} \mid t & :l \mid s & :-- \\ \end{array} \right. \\ \left. \begin{array}{ccc|c} D & :-.r \mid m ::s \mid f & :m \mid r & :-- \\ \end{array} \right. \\ \left. \begin{array}{ccc|c} M & :-.f \mid s & :d^{\perp} \mid t & :l \mid s & :-- \\ \end{array} \right. \\ \left. \begin{array}{ccc|c} D & :-.r \mid m & :f \mid m & :r \mid d :-- \end{array} \right|$$

Key G-Harts.

2. Sing on one tone to laa, or any other syllable, in perfectly correct time, any one of Nos. 1 to 9 of the "Elementary Rythms" taken by lot. Two attempts allowed. The pupil may taatai the exercise in place of the first attempt.

These nine rythms have been given as time exercises in former papers.

3. Sol-fa from the examiner's pointing on the

modulator a voluntary, moving at the rate of M.60, and consisting of at least twenty-four tones, including leaps to any of the tones of the scale, but neither transition nor the minor mode.

4. Sol-fa at first sight from the Tonic Sol-fa Notation a phrase of eight notes, or else the air of a "Single Chant," which has no tones out of the common major scale, and no tones shorter than a pulse.

5. The tones of a *Doh* chord being given by the examiner, tell by ear the Sol-fa name of any one tone of the scale he may sing to *laa*, or play on some instrument.

THE STANDARD SCALE.

While we can pitch doh high or low when we wish to sing a particular tune, we require to pitch the doh to bring the tune within the compass of the voice. The pitch of a tune, then, is shown by reference to the standard scale. For it a tone is taken high in a man's voice and low in a woman's voice. This tone is produced by 256 vibrations per second. Tuningforks for singing give the higher octave of this note produced by 512 vibrations. We name this scale thus:

The order of the names descending is easily remembered. C¹, then the letters of bag and fed bring us down to C. M.60, M.45, mean Metronome 60, Metronome 45, which indicates that the rate of movement is sixty pulses per minute or forty-five pulses per minute. A metronome is an instrument on the same principle as the pendulum with moveable bob, which will give the number of vibrations per minute desired.

Songs should be introduced as soon as possible. The singing of musical exercises is only a means towards the singing of songs. It will be well for the teacher to know by heart many good songs adapted to the capacity of his pupils. For the teacher to sing over a good tune with interesting words will enliven the pupils when dull and will develope a taste for music. The singing of such a song might be a reward for any lesson well done. The songs taught to the pupils, however, should not embrace any difficulties that have not been mastered in the exercises, otherwise the tune must be taught by ear, which is a waste of time and hinders the progress in the proper and intelligent singing from notes.

School songs should therefore be carefully graded, and the musical and intellectual capacity of the class must guide the choice. The teaching of difficult classical music, or anything beyond the pupils, can not be defended. Young children should always be

learning pretty songs which they can remember and can sing in their play and for the pleasure of those at home. These songs should be easily within the compass of their voices, and should inculeate duty and call attention to the beauties of nature. Older pupils may study more elaborate pieces, but not too difficult, joined to poetry not too deep but worth remembering.

Jus. Antorison.

Mr. A. can post Home Modulators for bejorts per dozen.

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#### Hints for Country Teachers.

To a young teacher, who is just entering upon her duties in an ordinary country school, the prospect is usually discouraging. The house will perhaps be small, the furniture will consist of a number of rough desks and seats, guiltless of paint, the teacher's desk barely long enough to hold the register, and which is already nearly full of copy books, pens, ink, and numerous other things, leaving the teacher quite at a loss as to where she will stow her own books. Then to complete the picture, a map or two, and a blackboard, much too small to be of very much benefit.

Now in face of these drawbacks, is it to be greatly wondered at, that a teacher should gradually lose courage and simply hear lessons?

I think there are many who resolve at the outset to "put in the time," thinking they will be more fortunnate next term. Now this, of course, is not as it should be. No matter how uncongenial the surroundings may be, that does not excuse the teacher for not performing his or her duty.

Much may be done by the teacher to make up for the lack of necessary apparatus. If there are no maps, or, if there should be an important one missing, the teacher can draw it on the blackboard, even though it should occupy the greater part of the blackboard, leaving little room for other work. If colored crayons be used to mark the counties, boundaries, etc., it will enable the pupils to reproduce them more correctly.

Country teachers have many advantages which some of them do not seem to appreciate. I refer to the various flowers and forest trees of which they may easily obtain specimens.

Very little is known about forest trees—that is, by most country pupils. They see them growing everywhere, and are so accustomed to the sight, that they really do not seem to notice the difference between the hard-wood and soft-wood trees, until it is pointed out to them.

If any teacher wishes to secure the attention of the pupils while endeavouring to give lessons on forest trees of New Brunswick, I may say that I have always found the following method quite successful:

Tell the pupils you intend giving them a few lessons on forest trees, and ask them to bring you specimens of, say four or five different kinds of trees. Small pieces are best, just large enough to show the grain and color of the wood, also if possible the bark. The children will be delighted, and will bring specimens, ranging from apple tree to oak, if they can get them. Then select one from the number for the first lesson; some familiar tree as maple, for example. Let each pupil examine it, and then ask what they have noticed in regard to color, bark, etc., (I usually compare hardwoods with softwoods. Pine presents a striking contrast to maple.) Tell the children the uses of the maple tree, how sap is obtained from it, which can be made into sugar, also the various uses to which the wood is applied, and describe its shape, height, its foliage, and where it grows most abundantly. Of course all this cannot be accomplished in one lesson. The lesson should not exceed fifteen minutes, but you will find on beginning the second lesson, that the children have not forgotten the preceding one. Before describing another tree to the class, review the ground von have gone over - the answers will in some cases be startling, but if the teacher carefully corrects mistakes, the class will be led to see their errors, and will be careful in that respect in future.

These lessons will help to train the observing powers of pupils and perhaps awaken in their minds more admiration for the noble forests which abound in "our own New Brunswick."

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#### Educational Institute of New Brunswick.

As advertised elsewhere in this number of the Review, the Educational Institute of New Brunswick will be convened this year in Moncton. Always heretofore the meetings have been held either in Fredericton or St. John, and five-sixths of the members have come from the western half of the Province. It is hoped that there will be a large representation this summer from the eastern and northern counties,—while the teachers in the west and south will also gather in undiminished numbers at the metropolis of "the noble county of Westmorland."

According to the regulation, teachers are allowed to take the last three teaching days in June for attendance at the Provincial Institute, and the Provincial and County fund drafts are not diminished in the case of those reported as present at all the sessions. On this occasion, the Saturday will be taken for one of the teaching days, and Monday, the 30th of June, will be substituted for it as a holiday

The first session will be held in the vestry of the Methodist Church, on Thursday, commencing at two o'clock, eastern standard time,—when the enrolment of members will be made, the reports of the Executive and Special committees will be received, and the usual elections will take place.

On that evening there will be a public meeting in the Opera House, to be addressed by Mayor Sumner, of Moncton (who will extend a welcome to the Institute), W. J. Robinson, Esq., Chairman of the Board of School Trustees of Moncton, Dr. Inch of Mt. Allison College, Rev. W. Hinson, Rev. G. M. Campbell, Rev. J. M. Robinson, and others.

At this time also a short address will be given on behalf of the Provincial W. C. T. U. Music will be provided at this and other sessions.

On Friday and Saturday the following papers will be read and discussed:

"Patriotism—How can it be developed in Common Schools?" by Inspector Bridges.

"English in Advanced and High Schools," by Mr. J. G. A. Belyea, B. A., of Shediac.

"A Scheme for Promoting Pupils in Graded Schools where there is no Local Superintendent," by Mr. F. O. Sullivan, of St. Stephen.

"Hints on the Teaching of Geography," by Mr. J. hn March, M. A., of St. John.

"An Illustrative Lesson in Natural Science," by Mr. John Brittain, of the Provincial Normal School.

In consequence of the ill health of the gentleman who was to have addressed the Institute on the subject of "Professional Progress," the Secretary has consented to read a paper, if required, to occupy the time

Gentlemen have been invited to open the discussion following the several papers.

The Executive Committee, at their January meeting, decided to propose that one afternoon be devoted to an excursion, perhaps to Shediac; but no further action has been taken in the matter, and it may be left to the consideration of the Institute.

By request of the Executive Committee of the "Alumni and Alumna Association of the Provincial Normal School," the Institute will assemble on Saturday morning a half hour later than usual, in order to allow time for the annual meeting of the Association.

Travelling arrangements have been made as follows. The Intercolonial Railway, Buctouche and Moncton Railway, N. B. and P. E. I. Railway, Chatham Branch, and Caraquet Railway will give free return tickets to members on presentation of certificates of attendance. These return tickets will be procured before returning over the roads named.

Members who travel by the N. B. Railway, or the Northern & Western (Canada Eastern Railway), must ask at the station where they take the train, for excursion return tickets for the Educational Institute, to St. John, Fredericton or Chatham Junction, as the case may be, for which they will pay one first-class fare. These may be purchased on the 25th, or 26th of June, (for the N. & W. Railway on the 24th also). Certificates of attendance must be shown also for the return journey on the last named road. The arrangement on the Shore-Line will probably be the same as on the N. & W. Railway. The Elgin & Havelock Railway, gives teachers the benefit of free return fare.

The Union Line of Steamers, and the Steamers "May Queen" and "Arbutus" will return members free on presentation of the usual certificate of attendance.

The limit of time for which the arrangement is good is July 3rd,—and on the N. & W. Railway, July 5th.

No answers have as yet been received from the managers of other railways and steamboats, to whom letters were mailed on the 18th of May.

HERBERT C. CREED, Secretary. Fredericton, May 31st, 1890.

#### Vacation, Ambition, and Conscience.

"How shall we spend vacation?" becomes the important question as the school term draws to its close. Zealous school people are saying, "Go to a good summer school." Doctors and friends are urging, "Forget all about school and recruit." The tired but conscientious teacher who spent last vacation in a rowboat, under a swaying roof of leaves along the margin of some lake is asking, "Did I do right?"

Vacation is our free time for truth-seeking. We may seek it in thousands of pleasant and diverting ways, and the more we find of it, the more we shall want to take it home to our class-rooms. There is scarcely any way of spending vacation that will not make it a benefit to a teacher who loves her pupils. To spend two or three weeks at a good summer school is not a weariness of the spirit to a teacher who feels the greatness of her responsibilities, and earnestly desires to discharge them better year by year. She is sure to eatch and impart some inspiration in meeting others of equal enthusiasm with her own, and from widely different localities—sure to get and to give some gleam of truth. The afterpart is to take this new bit of truth away to realms of quietude and rest, and nurse it, that something may come of it. Man is a ruminating animal, and, for the best assimilation of thought, he must lie down in the shade and chew the mental cud. To exchange the ten months'

role of teacher for the three weeks' role of papil is in itself a rest for most minds. If the studies taken up are not too laborious, the teacher finds that "change of work is play." Then, when the summer school closes, there are still several weeks for absolute rest, the pleasure of which is enhanced by the consciousness of advantages enjoyed at the proper and only possible time.—N. Y. School Johnmal.

#### Tact in Governing.

Tact does not treat an entire class to a five-minute scold simply because one pupil has not done his work. When one boy is noisy or frivolous, tact does not attract the attention of a dozen industrious ones by a rasping reproof. Tact, having learned that silence is the surest cure for disorder, fixes his eye on the culprit and quietly awaits for him. During change of classes, or at any other odd moments, tact never lets go the reins, for he well knows the value of an ounce of prevention. Tact has few rules, but those he has strictly enforced. Tact makes conviction the foundation of obedience, but strengthens obedience by authority. "Underneath his silken glove there rests the hand of steel." Tact studies the good points of his pupils, and always aims to touch the lever that puts into operation the best that is in a boy; and as carefully avoids all necessary conflict with the bad that may be in him. Taet always does himself as much as he demands of his pupils-puts neat work on the blackboard, never lounges, always speaks distinctly. Tact accords the same respect to his pupil's rights as he expects for his own. Tact is constantly increasing his knowledge of the subjects taught and improving his methods of presenting them. He thus brings live blood into every recitation, and does much towards removing the dull monotony that is likely to accompany routine work. Tact puts himself in good humor by taking note that the great body of his boys and girls are earnest, studious, and well disposed. This keeps him from wasting nerve and patience in fretting over the one dull, lazy, or refactory boy that is pretty sure to be found in every school. - School Neurs.

No summer school has much value that does not require study. Teachers are not sponges, absorbing knowledge without personal effort. Hearing is one thing, thinking something else. Thinking requires effort, and effort means work. No teacher can go to a summer school and have a "good time" and nothing more,—School Journal.

Be punctual. You cannot enforce punctuality on others unless you set an example of it yourself.

#### Spread of the English Language.

At the opening of the present century there were, in round figures, 20,500,000 people who spoke the English language. They were chiefly in England. We were only a few millions in America. The French speaking people at that time numbered about 31,500,000, and the Germans exceeded 30,000,000. The Russian tongue was spoken by nearly 31,000,000 and the Spanish by more than 56,000,000.

The French speech is now used by 50,000,000 people, the German by about 70,000,000, the Spanish by somewhat more than 40,000,000, the Russian by about 70,000,000, the Italian by about 30,000,000, and the Portuguese by perhaps 13,000,000. The English language has enormously outgrown its competitors. It is used by nearly twice as many people as any one of the others, and its relative growth is sure to continue.

North America alone will soon have 100,000,000 English speaking people. There are 40,000,000 in Great Britain and Ireland. Australia will, a generation hence, have as many English people as England now has.

#### A Few Misused Words.

ALTUDE to, vulgarism for refer to, or mention; e. g. "the letter you allude to" though you have alluded to nothing, but have told your story straightforwardly, without hint or innuendo of any kind.

Alone, for only, as, "I am not alone bound by honor,"

AMONO, as: "He was there among the rest," for "was in the company," or "was with the rest."

As, for (I.) so is almost universal. The rule is that the double as should be employed only when there is direct comparison. The most prevalent misuse is in connection with soon; (II.) for that, as: "I don't know as they do."

BE. means solely state, existence; but of all vulgarisms the most common is to use it to indicate motion; and, as a verb of motion naturally takes to after it, the confusion about the proper use of be induces a corresponding misuse of to, where no idea of motion is intended to be conveyed. "I have been to New York" is in no case right, but it is used in two senses:

(1) "I was in New York; (2) "I went (or have gone) to New York." Many persons who do not say, "I was to Boston," find "I was up (or down) to Boston," unobjectionable; and others, who would not say, "I shall be to the theatre this evening," invariably say, "I have been to church this morning." "Pretty as she can be" is used as an emphatic phrase, whereas we

are all of us as pretty as we can be; it is not owing to man's intention or carelessness that he is ugly.

BENEFIT. There prevails an idea that the verb to benefit, in forming its past participle, doubles its final letter, giving rise to the curious-looking word benefitted. The fact is that the doubling takes place only in a syllable on which the accent is laid, and the purpose of it is to ensure the right pronunciation.

BUT. (1) We may say that a man is "old but vigorous," because vigor united with age is something unexpected; but we have no right to say, "old but respectable;" (2) "I do not doubt but that he will come." The but is wholly unnecessary, and a vulgarism.

CAN, for may. A mistress will say to a servant, "You can go out," meaning to give her permission to go out, the proper word for which is may. There is no question whether the girl could go out, i. e., had the ability to do so.

CATCH, for reach, as: Catch a car.

CENTRE, for middle, This very simple word comes in for a good deal of maltreatment in our days. It means merely a point, never a line; as, "A gangway was left down the centre of the room."

COME OFF, for take place. "The concert will come off to-morrow." This vulgarism should never be heard beyond the cock-pit.

Consider, for deem. It means to reflect upon, to take into consideration. We deem a man honest; we consider the question of his honesty. "Do you consider the dispute settled?" will ever be bad English, however generally sanctioned.

#### The Eye in Teaching.

The eye of the teacher has an influence he cannot over estimate. It is of the utmost importance that he train himself to look the school squarely in the eye, that he so command a view of the school that whenever a child looks up he may meet the eye of the teacher. The place for the teacher, almost invariably, is at his desk with his face to the school as a whole. There is rarely an excuse for the teacher to have his back to any pupil in the room. In doing blackboard work he is tempted to stand with his back to the school but the occasions for this are not numerous.

The object in facing the school is not primarily for the sake of discipline, though it has this for its aim secondarily. It is largely because the eye is the most economical force to use in commanding attention. Attention the teacher must have; he cannot command it by any order or rule laid down. It must be won by the teacher, and it must be won by the exercise of some force. The play of the voice is one of the forces, but this requires energy of mind, expenditure of nerve force. Physical activity may secure it, as may personality in physical sympathy, but these are naturally exhaustive. Keenness of intellect, brightness of wit, may hold the attention, but this is a constant draft in its way. While the teacher needs, by way of variety, all of these resources, that which is most economical is the eye. The teacher can put more life, energy and personality into the eye with less draft upon intellect or nerve force than any other way. It is a study to know how to do it. It is high art to do it. Great skill is required but it pays a hundred fold.—Ed. Gazette.

#### In Geography.

Have pupils mold in sand, clay, or putty, a relief map of North America. Then place the molded map before them for written descriptions. The teacher, alive to the slightest mistake, watches pupils as they talk with their pens, and as we so often have said, never allows a second answer to be written until the first is correct. Questions to be written on the board, or given orally. Pupils must get all their answers from the relief map. Tell me one thing about the coast of North America? What is the difference between the eastern and western coasts? The northern and southern coasts? Which coast has the most indentations? Tell me one thing about the western coast? One about the eastern coast? How many highlands are there in North America? Where are the highlands?—School Journal.

#### Physical Drill for Public Schools.

We quote a portion of the preface by the Supervisor of the Halifax Schools of the above named book which was noticed in the April Review, because it so admirably sums up some facts which all our teachers should know. The importance of the subject and the history of the efforts to do something practical in this department are shortly but clearly outlined in the paragraph.

"Almost every great writer on education has given much prominence to the importance of physical culture, both as a thing desirable in itself, and as a means leading to an end—that end being greater possibilities in intellectual and moral development. Judging by estimates of examiners, even our youngest teachers can discourse eloquently on both headings of the text—"A Sound Mind in a Sound Body;" yet in practice the second heading is very generally ignored even by those who are considered our ablest teachers.

Proper care for the bodies of their pupils is most shamefully neglected by most instructors. The harmonious develop cent of

the physical powers is seldom thought of. Too often the present or future health of the child is sacrified for the sake of a display of mental ability, that may, for the time being, increase the reputation of the teacher or gradify the vanity of the short sighted parent.

School calisthenics cannot take the place of or be considered as important as those absorbing out of door games so in harmony with child nature in the development which they seeme, yet calisthenies is an important auxiliary to such agencies as ventilation light, frequent and indicious changes of study and position, etc., in perserving the highest educational vigour in the class from — All the voluntary muscles are so connected with the brain that its health and growth are very much increased by their systematic exercise.

Resolutions were passed by the N. S. Educational Association in 1885, and by the Halifax School Commissoners in 1888, affirming the necessity of more attention to physical education in schools. Supervisor McKay and R. J. Wilson, Secretary of the School Commissioners, were appointed a committee by the Halifax Board. The result was the preparation of an excellent manual of physical exercises, by Sergeant-Major Bailey.

#### Examining Slate Work

A question usually arises about examining slate work, to what extent is it best to examine, and how can it be done without the loss of much time. When the exercise is mere copying, or lists of words, a look at the slate as a whole, with here and there a commendation for neatness, or a correction of prominent mistakes, is sufficient. We have seen two ways of doing this rapidly, which have proved good. Let each child take his slate in both hands and hold it as he would his reader. The teacher can pass quickly up and down the isles and see the work at a glance; at the same time the school presents an orderly appearance. Another way, especially adapted to primary schools, is to have the pupils of one row rise and pass down the right-hand aisle to the teacher, letting her look at the work, then passing around the left-hand side to their respective places, when the next row will rise and proceed in the same way. There need be no confused group, but rather a continuous procession; it also gives the little folks a change of position and motion.—Popular Education.

Govern your own pupils. Do not show weakness by asking the principal or school board to come to your assistance, unless in a great emergency. The teacher who is continually referring cases of discipline to the principal or board cannot long maintain control of her school. Greenwood's Principles of Elucation.

#### Manitoba's New School Law.

The department is to consist practically of the Government, but the technical work is vested in the Advisory Board of five. Two nominated by the Government, one elected by the Provincial School Trustees, one by the Teachers, and one by the University Council.

Religious exercises in the public schools shall be conducted according to the regulations of the Advisory Board. The time for such religious exercises shall be just before the closing hour in the afternoon. In case the parent or guardian notifies the teacher that he does not wish such pupil to attend such religious exercises, then such pupil shall be dismissed before such religious exercises take place. Religious exercises shall be held in a public school entirely at the option of the school trustees for the district, and upon receiving written authority from the trustees it shall be the duty of the teachers to hold such religious exercises. The public schools shall be entirely nonsectarian, and no religious instruction or exercises shall be allowed therein except as above provided. The Act came into effect on May first .- Manitoba

The Writer gives these four lines concerning the proper use of shall and will:

In the first person, simply, shall foretells; In will a threat or else a promise dwells; Shall in the second or the third doth threat, Will simply then foretells the future feat.

Paraphrasing is a kind of exercise that has several uses.

- 1. To bind the student's attention closely to every word and phrase, meaning and shadow of meaning.
- 2. To enable the teacher to tell whether the student has accurately and fully understood the passage.

Paraphrase the following:

"How happy is he born and taught That serveth not another's will— Whose armour is his honest thought, And simple truth his utmost skill."

This may be changed to prose as follows:

"How happy by birth, as well as by education, is the man who is not obliged to be a slave to the will of another—whose only armour is his honesty and simple goodness, whose best and utmost skill lies in plain straight-forwardness."

Never find fault unless compelled to do so. The witholding of praise will soon be regarded as an expression of displeasure. So you will save time and temper.

#### EDUCATIONAL OPINION.

The value of an education is not to be estimated in dollars and cents. Knowledge cannot be weighed in a commercial scale. The primary question is not whether a man can make ten dollars per week, uneducated, or twenty dollars per week, educated: it is, how can he make the most of himself, how can he best develop his personality, how can he accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number?

A bright young fellow recently asked, "What good will it ever do me to study algebra?" He was measuring the value of knowledge by this little tapemeasure, whose divisions are the symbol 8. It was explained to him that the "good" consisted in the mental advancement accruing from disciplining the mind to systematic reasoning: that while he might never use what he learned in the exact form in which he learned it, and while he might apparently forget it, yet the effect of his study would remain through life in the ability to think better and to grapple more successfully with difficult questions. An esteemed friend recently put this thought neatly when he said that while he could not now recollect what particular food he ate for dinner a month ago, yet that food went towards building up the wasted physical tissues, and so while he could not now remember the formulas and principles of the higher mathematics which he studied in college years ago, yet those formulas and principles helped to build up his mind and to make him intellectually the man he has become, - U. S. Education Report.

Our Normal School is doing excellent and efficient work, but no one will deny that its efficiency would be increased by lopping off the work that properly belongs to the high schools and making it in reality what it is in name. The local government contributes liberally to the maintenance of our schools and academies, and wholly supports the Normal School, thus practically paying twice, to a certain extent, for the same work. From a business point of view this would be considered extravagant. Let each institution do its own peculiar work, and we will have better teachers and better schools.—Truro Guardian.

The New Brunswick base ball league, which consists of clubs made up mainly of imported players, will have little effect in the promotion of healthful sport in the province, nor will the winning club bring much glory to the city which supports it. It is all just a matter of money. What we want is less of the professional and more of the amateur in the games for the young and rising generation.—St. Croix Courier.

#### PERSONAL.

The University of New Brunswick has conferred the Degree of B.Sc., on Mr. Philip Cox, Principal of the Newcastle High School. This is a deserved recognition of Mr. Cox's abilities as a working naturalist. He is a recognized authority on the birds of the province, and is a close student in other branches of natural science.

Prof. Maxime Ingres, of the Ingres-Coutellier School of Modern Languages, is writing a series of articles on Public Instruction in France in the St. John Daily Sun. Prof. Ingres shows an intimate knowledge of the history of education in France, and the ease with which he uses the English language gives evidence of a ripe scholarship.

Mr. Edward Fulton, B. A., (Dalhousie) at present supplying Dr. Hall's place in the Truro Normal School, has been admitted to the senior class of Harvard. Graduation with honors from Dalhousie, we are informed, will admit to the post-graduate course at Harvard.

Principal Campbell sends us a large bouquet of Viola pubescens from the Salmon River, Truro. He also says the species is quite abundant on the St. Mary's River, Guysboro, N. S.

Herr Lothar Bober, of the Conversation School of Modern Languages, has large classes in German, in Pictou and New Glasgow.

The Halifax Teachers' Association, are now specially studying Botany under the direction of Principal Ida M. Creighton of Compton Avenue School.

Dr. Burwash, professor of natural science at Mount Allison, has accepted a chair in Victoria College, Coburg, Ont.

Mr. John Nicholson, a graduate of McGill College, has been appointed Superintendent of Education for Prince Edward Island.

#### AMONG THE HIGH SCHOOLS.

One hundred and one students stood the terminal examination in the Truro Academy, instead of seventy as formerly reported. A musical and literary entertainment given by the students, under the leadership of Miss Griffin, added more than one hundred dollars to the funds.

Halifax Academy opens with two hundred and fifteen students. The attendance last term was ten per cent larger than ever before. Military drill as in the new physical exercise book has been introduced.

Pictou Academy opens with over one hundred and seventy.

#### QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

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H=height of cone.

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#### BOOK REVIEWS.

PRACTICAL LESSONS IN GLEMAN CONVERSATION A companion to all German Grammars, by A. L. Meissner, M. A., Ph. D., D. Lit., L. bruri m. and Protessor of Modern Lagrages in Queen's College, Belfast. Pp. Xi. 243. Boston, D.C. Heath & Co., Publishers, 1889. This volume is one, which may be a companion to any German Grammar as its title page implies and will be found a valuable companion for any German student. The German conversation is on one page faced by the English on the other. The conversation appears to be admirably selected with a view apparently toccover all the most likely topics of conversation. While our consins across the border are very energetic in publishing books in superior form we notice that many of them are of British arthor-ship as is this one. The idea appears to be to get a 2 and book, after gether independent of the nationality of the mather. A principle of which every intelligent man mass appears.

SESSAND IM, from Coutle's Director, and Windrost, edited with an introduction and near 25 H C O Has 12h D pp. 85, paper. Boston, D. C. Heath & Co., 1889. One of the most interesting romances of the immertal German author,

pised on his own experience at 8 assube in near Strasburg, in the arrectisity in which he finished has studies in law, 1771.

A PRIMER OF SCHOOL MANAGEMENT — Pedagogical Primer Series, No. 1, pp. 45, paper — C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse, N. A. 1890 — A small , cheep concisely expressed summary of an extensive softenet. — The Pedagogical Primer Series has opened and well in Ps. No. 4.

Exemples in Francia Santan by F. Storr, Head master Modern Subsects Merchants Taylors' Schools, London Boston, D.C. Heath & C. C. Publishers — This is a small book of about 100 pages containing explanations of difficulties of French syntax — The grouping is excellent and it cannot fail to be a great acquisition to a French student.

CLASSICS FOR CHILDRIN Heron ballads with poems of war and patriotism, edited with notes by D. H. Montgomery, pp. vn. 416 – Beston, U. S. A. Guin & Company, 1890, Selections from standard English, Scottish, Irish American, and other patriotic and martial poems.

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AMERICAN FARMS by J.R. Eiliott, Annapolis Co., N.S. This very rerelable book is the latest in Putnam's well known series of two stress for the Day, and no public question is of wider scope. For it relates to the whole agricultural interest through out the world, though dealing especially with Canada and the United States. The author is in downright carnest, and has marshalled an array of facts and figures to prove that the farmer is everywhere being pressed to the wall by the other classes of the community in consequence of his not acting in political concert with his own classes the others do, and as they can more conveniently do, from the fact that they are collected in c. ic and towns, and thus able to act more in masse. Farm, ets smould study this book, and learn the dangers that threaten them, and here it possible to comfront or avoid them. The present is, a case who code inignation from the country into town ... well resoft the development of girnt industries, and if, as the author contends, the farmer is placed at a heavy a political disadvantage, it is the interest of the community at

large, that the wrong should be righted. Mr. Elliott puts in a strong plea for the rights of agriculture, and his statements should be weighed, and if erroneous combated. The question in fact, is one that concerns all thoughtful minds. The numer. ous references and questions show that the writer has sought to elucidate his subject from all sources, and investit with the interest it deserves, and, the result is, as before said, to produce a very readable, and instructive work

#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

First Greek Grammar Syntax, by W. Gunion Rutherford.
MacMillan & Co., London, and New York.
Robert Browsing. C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse, N. Y.
How to Preserve Health. American News Co., N. Y.

#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

In Century for June is begun a cleverly written story-The Anglomaniaes, ... Among the subjects treated in the Popular Science Monthly for June are—Education and Crime, Tin and its Native land, Animal and Plant Lore... St. Nicholas for June is an exceedingly good number, both in illustrations and reading matter.... Wide Anake for June is a bright and readable number and will be enjoyed by young folks.... The Toronto Educational Journal commences its fourth volume with a new and appropriate heading and is otherwise much improved in appearance... The Maritime M dival News, although a native production, seems to take rank with medical journals of a greater constituency... The April number of the American Naturalist has an interesting article on the history of Garden Vegetables... The April Microscopa has an illustrated article on "A Busy Man's Microscopical Laboratory... We have not seen the American Geologist since March... Science in its weekly rounds is filled with a great variety of interesting scientific news... It hoscignoment Primaire of Quebec is specially interesting to us, partly, we suppose, on account of the difference in our systems of education. Science Monthly for June are - Education and Crime, Tin and our systems of education.

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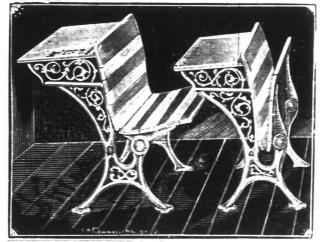
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