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The writer of the article on Trees and Forests for the last number of the Review sends the following correction : Your printers make me say that under proper methods of forestry trees would be allowed to stand until they reach their "greatest possaible growth." I wrote, "greatest profitable growth." The fact is that there comes a time in the life of the trees when the annual increase no longer offsets the interest on the market value of the wood. Then, as a matter of business, they should be cut. The limit of growth, the size at which the trees might most profitably be cut, was
what I meant by "greatest profitable growth." Perhaps the correction is worth making, as it bears upon the underlying principle of economic forestry-that the land should be made to yield the highest possible return for the money invested. Silviculture, like agriculture, is essentially a matter of gain. The beauty and the poetry are incidental.

Some time ago the Review referred to the two cannons mounted in front of the school building at Campbellton, N. B., relics, dug from the waters of the Restigouche, of the last battle on this continent between the English and French, in 1760 . The Yarmouth, N. S., academy grounds are also graced by two cannons, which did service in the early wars in western Acadia. Recently an old, rust-eaten cannon, which had lain in. the waters of Louisbourg harbor for a century and a half, has been placed in front of Dalhousie College, Halifax.

Died, at Ottawa, May 7th, Judge Geo. E. King, founder of the New Brunswick free school system.

Acadimesis is the title of a new quarterly magazine edited and published at St. John, by Mr. D. R. Jack. The magazine is devoted chiefly to local biography and history. The two numbers already published contain a great variety of contents, with some original illustrations, articles of marked ability and written in a pleasing style. The editor is to be congratulated on the excellent appearance and character of the magazine, and its fine corps of contributors.

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## Empire Day.

The twenty-third of May will be observed throughout the Dominion of Canada as Empire Day. This is the third year of its observance. The Dominion Educational Association which met at Halifax, August, 1898, recommended its observance, and the Council of Public Instruction of Nova Scotia was the first to adopt its recommendation, setting apart the 23 rd of May for the purpose. The first year (1899) it was enthusiastically observed in many of the schools of the cities through the Dominion. Last year its observance was much more general, in the country as well as in the city schools ; and this year there is every indication that all schools from the Atlantic to the Pacific will vie with each other in right loyally celebrating the day.

In Nova Scotia Dr. MacKay, the superintendent, makes, through the Journal of Education, the following general recommendations concerning the day:
The object of the day is the development of the Empire idea. No set method is prescribed. Local orators may be utilized in short and appropriate addresses to the pupils and their parents. Teachers and pupils should take part in as effective,and in as varied manners as possible from year to year. As a rule, it is preferable to have it an exercise open to the public of the locality in the afternoon, the forenoon being devoted to phases best treated in the school-room.

Dr. Inch, Chief Superintendent of New Brunswick, has published in the Review the following directions:
The recent death of our late beloved Queen renders it eminently fitting that Empire Day for the year 1901 shall be specially observed as VICTORIA MEMORIAL DAY. All the lessons and exercises of the schools on that day should have special reference to the progress of the Empire during the Victorian era; and to the gracious influences of the life and character of Victoria the Good upon the people of the British Empire, and of the world.

The Review for May, 1899 and 1900, was specially devoted to the Empire Day idea. The February number of this year was a memorial number of our late Gracious Queen Victoria; and this month there are many suggestions that will be useful to teachers. We hope that every school will observe the day, by making every lesson-reading, geography, history, arithmeticrefer to the greatness and extent of the British Empire. Let the whole forenoon be devoted to lessons with this end in view. It will not be difficult to choose suitable matter for the reading lessons; the geography and history lessons can turn upon noted places and events, and the arithmetic lesson can be made one of the most interesting lessons by comparing areas and populations during the growth of the Empire in the past century and a half. Leet "Empire Day" be prominent on the blackboards, with drawings and appropriate mottoes
from British poets, statesmen and warriors. Let there be decorations and flags. These have a good effect, especially in primary schools. (See "Empire Day in Primary Schools" on another page). A flag should wave from every school building in the land.

The afternoon gathering ought to be more public. Parents and friends may be invited, and a programme, consisting of songs, recitations, readings, speeches, be carried out, all having the same end in view-the encouragement and development of patriotic sentiment.

A word of warning: There may be words and flags and emblems on Empire Day, and no real teaching of patriotism. Teaching the child to know his country ; to know his duty to his country, to his fellows and to himself, must be the key-note of the teaching of patriotism on Empire Day as on other days. Without such knowledge there can be no real patriotic impulse. If the flag waves over a courtry whose people are ignorant, selfish, and with low aims; whose leaders and statesmen are corrupt, petty and unworthy of trust; where both leaders and people are not impressed with the sacredness and power of the ballot,-then flag and people cease to be objects of respect ; they may even become objects of loathing and contempt.

## The Anglo-Saxon Race.

Norman, Saxon, and Dane-sword against sword the while They sowed with their blended blood the germ of an endless seed,
That hatched in the winds and rains and fogs of a Northern isle
Burst forth in the new-born bud of the Anglo-Saxon breed.
Centuries long have passed, and the seedling plant has grown, ${ }^{-}$ And the shoots of the parent stem, o'erspreading their island space,
Are grafted in distant soils, but the grafted shoots have shown
That their sap is the same old sap of the Anglo-Saxon race.
And whether it's Uncle Sam or whether its "Kangaroo." "Wallaby," " Maple," or "Oak," in field or forest or flood, The men that tackle a job are the men that'll see it through, And the lever that works the crank is the Anglo-Saxon blood.

We may bungle at times, and blunder, we may fail at the first essay,
We may lack the finesse and cunning that subtler nations need,
But, God be thanked, we've grit, and it's grit that'll win the day
When the wolves of war are loosed at the Anglo-Saxon breed.
And if ever in evil case, with wounded back at the wall, Old England faces her foes, in the hour that pipes her need From the shoots of the parent stem will echo the answering call
Of the bugle that sounds the "charge" of the Anglo-Saxon breed!

Canada, Australasia, we stock of a Northern land
Are stiff, and reserved, and proud, and the words that we speak are few,
But we look you straight in the face, and we grip your outstretched hand,
And God deal so with us, as we deal, in your need, with you! -Lord Ernest Hamilton, in the Pall Mall Magazine.

## This Canada of Ours.

Let óther tongues in older lands, Loud chant their claims to glory, And chant in triumph of the past, Content to live in story.
Though boasting no baronial halls, Nor ivy-crested towers,
What past can match thy glorious youth, This Canada of ours?

We love those far-off ocean isles, Where Britain's monarch reigns,
We'll ne'er forget the good old blood That courses thro' our veins; Proud Scotia's fame, old Erin's name, And haughty Albion's powers,
Reflect their matchless lustre on This Canada of ours.
May our Dominion flourish, then, A goodly land and free,
Where Celt and Saxon, hand and hand, Holds sway from sea to sea.
Strong arms shall guard our cherished home When darkegt danger lowers,
And with our life blood we'll defend This Canada of ours. $\quad-J . D$. Edgar, M. P.

## Canada.

Awake, my country ! The hour is great with change. Awake, my country! which yet obscures the land,
From ice-blue strait and stern Laurentian range, ${ }^{\circ}$
To where giant peaks our western bounds command,
A deep voice stirs, vibrating in men's ears
As if their own hearts throbbed that thunder forth,
A sound wherein who hearkens wisely hears
The voice of the desire of this strong North,
This North whose heart of fire
This knows not its desire
Clearly, but dreams, and murmurs in the dream, The hour of dreams is done ! Lo, on the hills the gleam !
Awake, my country! the hour of dreams is done !
Doubt not, nor dread the greatness of thy fate.
Tho' faint souls fear the keen confronting sun,
And fain would bid the morn of splendors wait;
Though dreamers, wrapped in starry visions, cry -"
" Lo, yon thy future, yon thy faith, thy name !
Here in Canadian hearth, and home and name :
This name which yet shall grow
Till all the nations know
Us for a patriot people, heart and hand,
Loyal to our native earth-our Canadian land.
O, strong hearts, guarding the birthright of our glory,
Worth your best blood, this heritage, that ye guard!
These mighty streams resplendent with our story,
These mighty streams iron coasts by rage of seas unjarred
What fields of peace these bulwarks well secure !
What vales of plenty those calm floods supply!
Shall not our love this rough, sweet land make sure,
Her bounds preserve inviolate though we die?
O, strong hearts of the North,
O, strong hearts of the fore yorth
And put the cray en and base to open shame, Till earth shall know the child of nations by her name!

## Report of Nova Scotia Schools.

The last annual report of the public schools of Nova Scotia, though not as full as usual, has nevertheless a large amount of information, valuable especially for teachers. The statistical tables reveal no striking advance in any direction, except, perhaps, in the attention given to manual training. There are 132 sections without any school, some of them because the conditions of life in their neighborhood are so hard that no suitable boarding-house for the teacher can be found near the school. A change in the school law, enabling school boards to unite two or more sections into one, may somewhat improve this condition of things, and add greatly to the efficiency of such schools.

School libraries have been enlarged by the addition during the year of nearly 2,000 volumes. On an average there are now six library books for every school in the province, or one book for every seven pupils. Schoul sections have now the power to assess for school libraries, and a list of the most suitable books will soon be published. Teachers in every section should use their influence to have a small sum voted for books at the next annual meeting.

The number of pupils enrolled has fallen behind. The census for this year will soon reveal whether this is owing to a decreased population or to an increased industrial activity. It is quite evident, that if there has been an increase of population, it must have been very small.

It is generally conceded that the teacher makes the school; that if equipment stands for ten or five per cent of the success of the sehool, then the teacher stands for ninety or ninety-five per cent. If this is true, it is rather discouraging to find that although the amount voted for building and repairs increased $\$ 58,000$, yet the amount for teachers' salaries has decreased by $\$ 4,000$, although there were sixty-four more teachers.'

There are eighteen county academies, with an attendance varying from 333 in Halifax to 23 in Inverness, giving a total of 1,665 . In the other high schools of the province there are 5,584 pupils. The average age of academic pupils of the first year varies from 13.66 years in Truro to 16 years in Digby. This would seem to show that the common schools of Truro are doing better work than any others in the province. Three thousand four hundred and fifty-nine candidates went to the high school provincial examination. Of these over one-half obtained the grade applied for.

The Superintendent of Education discountenances any thoughtless or unnecessary changes in text-books, pointing out that a change in readers alone would involve an expenditure of $\$ 25,000$, to the pupils, besideg
losses to booksellers, who would be found with more or less stock of the old books left valueless on their hands. He claims that, notwithstanding all the improvements in readers made by almost numberless attempts during the last quarter of a century, the Royal Readers still remain so little inferior (if at all) that it would not pay to change them for the best that have yet been produced. The new regulation, allowing schools to use approved supplementary readers, will give much satisfaction to those teachers who are not satisfied with the readers now prescribed.

In 1892 the teaching of hygiene and temperance from text-books in the hands of the pupils was made compulsory. Many objections were raised to the special emphasis laid upon such teaching. But the report shows that similar laws were found to be necessary in France, and that the results are likely to be satisfactory, as they have been for the most part in Nova Scotia. Military drill, the teaching of moral and patriotic duties, and the eatablishment of school gardens, are strongly recommended as a desirable advance in our educational work. An account is given of the progress of manual training in the schools of Nova Scotia from the first department of that kind under Prof. Russell in Halifax in 1891, to the establishment of the Macdonald Manual TrainingSchool at'Truro in September, 1900, with Mr. T. B. Kidner as principal. The first school of cookery in connection with our public schools was started in Halifax in 1897. There are now two teachers of domestic science in Truro, and the classes are largely attended by most enthusiastic students from the normal school, the academy and the common schools.

In referring to late educational changes in England, it is pointed out that the tendency is to make the course of instruction in all schools more comprehensive, while enabling the details of the instruction to be adapted to the special circumstances of the school, and to emphasize scientific, art and terhnical education, even though at the expense of some of the time absorbed in the older classical instruction. The narrow and one-sided education that has hitherto prevailed will be replaced by a broader culture in which no important subject will be slighted, and in which, therefore, a more harmonious development and a more complete adaptation to environment will be secured. In the appendix to this valuable report, we find the reports from the normal school, from the inspector and the colleger. To these we may refer at a later date.

A new canal is proposed, in the interest of western shippers. It is to run from the Georgian Bay, through Lake Simcoe, to Lake Ontario,

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## NATURE STUDY.

## The Thing That Couldn't.

"The thing that couldn't" has occurred, and at least the sign-posts leading to nature's kingdom are day by day being pointed out in our public schools. Pointed out in a geography which possesses for us no authorized textbook, and which the jealous " $3 \mathrm{R}^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ " regard as an intruder.
In the nature study, certain definite work must be done in each grade. There must be a plan for each season, the matter obtainable and the pupils' knowledge determining the schedule. The buds in the spring to the buds in the fall, and from seed to seed,-to some it is all new, and to all there is some additional beauty in it.
Surely from April to October, there is no trouble as to where to begin. Flowers vary according to locality, but from any part of Nova Scotia the fragrant Mayflower may be sacrificed. And just here comes in a question of ethics. When the lesson involves the sacrifice of animal or vegetable life, who does not see that for a bundle of new terms and a questionable amount of knowledge, we may tend to destroy the sense of beauty appreciation, and rather strongly inculcate wan. ton destruction? Handfuls of flowers are brought when a few would suffice, and flowers plucked for the joy of plucking strew the ground about the children at recess, or dying meekly lie before them in school. Only those which are used for persónal adornment, or after being placed in water are used to beautify the desks, should be allowed in the possession of the pupil; and certainly no more than actually necessary should be destroyed in class. Many a sweet brier or clump of daisies, a bit of beauty for all, has been plucked only to be thrown upon the ground a few rods further on. Nor is this any fine drawn bit of sentiment. Some of our rarer flowers are becoming extinct in certain localities-the vandals making a clean sweep of all the flowers seen, none being left for reproduction. Have we nut all a memory photograph of far more value than the blossoms would have been of the green shadows of some wood through which the flickering sunbeams tenderly touched a cluster of dainty blossoms, and which we left undisturbed to the greenness and the perfume and the silence. Perhaps no caution is needed in regard to the animal or even insect life. Not the value of either per se but the coarsening resultant upon the cheapening of life, is the point to be avoided.

But to our nature work.' Different grades may be grouped for this. The sixth, seventh and eighth may very profitably work together. Incomparably better
work can be done out of school in little botanizing excursions, but as this is inadvisable except in small detachments, I have confined it to the high school grades.
A visit to some ledge or cutting or sea wall will give point to many lessons, in which the minerals of the section have furnished material. This does for fall and winter work and is in line with the regular text book work of the higher grades.

During the winter also, with ordinary pocket microscopes the leaves of the evergreen adapt themselves to a series of interesting lessons. Classifying and giving uses of our native trees in the outgrowth of the conifer lessons. Any of the delightful pature books now published in such abundance may be used to produce good results. A section may be read by teacher or pupils on Friday afternoon. This is reproduced, corrected by teacher and copied by pupils in blank books kept for the purpose. After reading on'each occasion, a free discussion should follow as to whether any pupil knows or has heard proof of any of the facts stated in the reading. The chief-perhaps only-value of this talk is that the facts then seem more directly within the comprehension of the little folk.

I said there were many nature books. Each teacher must select for himself. I have this winter found particular values in a charming little book by Wm. J. Long, "Ways of Wood Folk." Almost any of John Burroughs' delightful essays are applicable to this task.

The birds open another wide area in this work. The names and habits of our common habitants must be in our plan. Encourage the pupils to bring the odd flower, the "funny" insect and to tell about the new bird. Then if no one in school can supply information and the teacher fail-"I don't know" has long ceased to be a shock to my pupils-simply postpone the talk until you and they have had a chance for research. With a copy of Mrs. Dana, a Comstock, and a book containing colour plates of the birds, on the desk, the youngest pupil finds the matter of "looking up" a pleasure.

> And Nature, the old nurse
> Took the child upon her knee
> Saying, 'Here is a story book
> Thy father has written for thee.'"

It is just that-a story book with a leaf turned every little while and eagerly read by the children.
B. G Jambs.

Weymouth, N. S.
Train your pupils to recite in good English, but do not worry them by interruptions while they are speaking. Make a note of incorrect or inelegant expressions. It would be a good plan at the beginning of the next lesson on the same subject to have the corrected expressions on the blackboard and have a short drill on them.

## For the Kduoational Review.]

## Astronomical Notes.

In the way of occasional and unexpected phenomena it is impossible to say what may happen in the celeatial regions during this month. Since the middle of February we have already had of this sort the most brilliant new star that has flashed out for 300 years, and the southern hemisphere seems to be at present enjoying a sight of the largest comet since back in the eighties.

As to regular and predictible events, the most important by far is the total eclipse of the sun on May 17-18. The double date is enough to show that we shall haveng share in the spectacle. It will begin an hour before our midnight on the 17 th, and will be at its best an hour and a half after that same midnight, on the morning of the 18 th . This means, of course, that, in longitude, it is for the benefit of the other side of the earth. And so too in latitude; for nobody on this side of $30^{\circ}$ North will see anything of it, even as a partial eclipse. All of which is a great pity. That famous eclipse of last May, which we all saw here as a large partial eclipse, was a poor thing as compared with this one. Less than two minutes of totality was all that the most favoured land station had ; and even at sea, where the best of most of them is wasted, it lasted less than two and a quartor minutes.

But this one of May, 1901, is a six-and-a-half minute total eclipse at its best, and the best of it is that its best occurs very close to an eligible land station. At Padang in the island of Sumatra, there will be about six and a quarter minutes of totality, and there and thereabout are gathered observing parties from England and Holland and the United States.

When this eclipse comes round again in 1919 , it will last a little longer, than this year ; longer still atits next recurrence in 1937 ; and, at its next in 1955, there will be seven and a, quarter minutes of totality near Manila and that will be the longest total eclipse of the sun that, will have occured for over a thousand years.

Mercury will be visible as evening star at the end of May and during the first half of June. Venus is pass. ing behind the sun just now. Mars is still in Leo, Jupiter and Saturn are close together near the MilkDipper.
A. Cameron.

Yarmouth, 1 May, 1901.
The Packet has more than once had the pleasure of commending the Educational Review, published in St. John, N B., by Mr. G. U. Hay. The March number is the best we have yet received. One thing we especially like about the Revinw is its wholesome Canadian patriotism and true British loyalty. Ontario teachers will find it an acceptable addition to their professional reading.-Orillia Packet.

## For the Educational Review.]

## English Literature in the Lower Grades.

Two poems in the new fourth reader, now in use in New Brunswick schools, are Tennyson's "St. Agnes' Eve" and "Sir Galahad." Poems of greater charm it would be hard to find, but for full understanding we need to know the stories upon which they are founded.

St. Agnes was a Christian girl, who suffered martyrdom in the persecution of Diocletian. Many legends have been told about her innocence and purity, and she is sometimes depicted with a lamb, owing probably to the name, Agna, a lamb. Her feast was kept on the 21 st of January, and there was a popular superstition connected with it in England, that is like the one commonly attached to Hallowẹen, the eve of All Saints Day, namely, that by observing certain rites and customs, maidens might have a sight of their future husbands. The poet Keats has a beautiful poem founded on this superstition. "They told her how upon St. Agnes' Eve, young virgins might have visions of delight." The "vision of delight" which Tennyson's heroine is granted, is not of this earth. She is a saintly nun, and through faith and earnest prayer she wins a vision of the Heavenly Bridegroom.
In teaching this poem to a class of average children I would tell them the story of the superstition. Then, letting them read the poem, guide them to find out who, or what, the speaker is, try to have them picture the scene, the "snows sparkling to the moon," "the frosty skies," "the starlight keen," and let them notice the details themselves, asking some such questions as these; What do the lines make you see? If you were painting a picture to illustrate them, what would you paint? Many pupils will take pleasure in learning the poem by heart. They will see that the first two verses are a prayer, and the last an answer, but I would leave the deeper meaning until after a study of the following and companion poem, "Sir Galahad."
The story which serves as foundation for this poem, as Tennyson used it, is briefly as follows. The Holy Grail was the cup from which our Lord drank at the Last Supper. Joseph of Arimathea was said to have brought it to Glastonbury in Somersetshire, and there awhile it abode ; and if a man could touch or see it, he was healed at once by faith, of all his ills. But then the times grew to such evil that the holy cup was caught away to Heaven and disappeared. But in the time of King Arthur, the cup appeared to the little sister of one of the Knights of the Round Table, Sir Percivale. She told her brother, and bade him pray that they might all see the vision and so be healed of all evil. Sir Galahad was the youngest, the most beautiful and the most
innocent of all the knights, and to him, first, the Grail appeared.

This short poem is like a sketch, or study, for the idyl of "The Holy Grail." It was published in 1842, and "The Holy Grail" in 1869.
The teacher should be familar with the longer poem, in order to feel the spirit of "Sir Galahad," and especially with Galahad's account of his quest, the lines beginning "I, Galahad, saw the Grail." As with St. 'Agnes' Eve, I would have the pupils grasp the surface meaning first. Who is it who speaks? What does he describe ? See the succession of pictures, the tournament. What was a true knight bound to fight for? "Dieu et ma dame" was the old motto, and remember Douglas's words to Wilton in "Marmion" "For king, for church, for lady fair see that thou fight." The dark forest, the secret shrine, the vision on the lonely lake, the sleeping towns, the winter storms. I would not lose the opportunity of letting the children express their sense of enjoyment of the beautiful sounds in both these poems; but would spend some time in hearing what they have to say about the rhymes, the metre, the fitting of sound to sense, as in lines 4 to 7, of "Sir Galahad." I would not fell them that they ought to enjoy the poems, but I would let them see that their teacher did. Lastly, and very carefully, I would lead them to see the link between the two poems; but I would be satisfied with suggesting it, if they do not find it for themselves. It is, of course, to be found in the sixth beatitude. It is one of the glories of art that it does not force great truths upon us, but, rightly studied, helps us to see them; and if we can teach our pupils the outward beauty of great literature, we may safely leave the inner lesson to "steal in silence down."

## Suggestions for Detalled Study.

The contrast in sound between lines 5-9 and 11, 12, in verse 1. Alliteration. Tennyson's use of "shrill" as a verb (see "The Passing of Arthur," lines 10 and 18). For descriptions of tournaments see "Ivanhoe" and "Elaine." Explain "the tide of combat stands," "shame and thrall," " crypt and shrine," " the stormy crescent," "stoles of white," "the cock crows ere the Christmas morn," (see Hamlet, Act I., Sc. I., 159, etc. The teacher may like to compare with "My spirit beats her mortal bars," Lorenzo's speech in the "Merchant of Venice" V. I, 61, etc. The fancy of " the music of the spheres" as treated by the poets, is suggested in connection with these two poems, and may be looked up in Milton. See "Arcades," 62-7. "Comus," 112-4, 241-3, 1021, "At a Solemn Music," and many references in "Paradise Lost."
E. Robinson,

## For the Eddoational Review.]

## National Flags Displaying the Cross.

Several of the leading nations of Europe, at the beginning of this twentieth century of the Christian era, bear in their flags and escutcheons the sacred figure of the cross, a symbol of the Christian religion. There are interesting legends, in most cases, in connection with their adoption of this device; but the purpose of this article is merely to describe the cross-bearing flags. Something of the history and geography of Europe is involved in the briefest possible description of these flags and their present use. Where the flags mentioned are not well known, and no colored chart is at hand for reference, they may be learned by following these descriptions with pencil and brush, or by cutting and pasting colored papers.

The use of the familiar St. George's Cross, red on white, as the national emblem of England, may be traced back with certainty to the Hundred Years', War, when " St. George for Merrie England" was the favorite battle-cry; and with some probability even back to the Crusades. It is now used as a special flag for the admiral in command of a British fleet. With the Union Jack of Great Britain and Ireland in the staff-head corner, it is the white ensign borne by all our battleships in commission. Shorn of its white ground, all but a narrow strip, St. George's Cross is the principal device in the Union Jack, which is more fully described below.

The cross of St. Andrew, an X-shaped cross of white on dark blue ground, the old flag of the kingdom of Scotland, is now used only as a component part of the Union Jack.

St. Andrew's Cross is the principal device in the jack of the Empire of all the Russias ; for St. Andrew is the patron saint of Russia, as well as of Scotland. The Russians, however, have reversed the colors, making the cross blue on a white ground ; and this simple flag, white, with the blue St. Andrew's Cross, is the ensign of the Russian war-ships. The Russians also venerate St. George ; and a certain ship in the Russian navy is entitled to carry, as a special honor, the flag of St. George's Cross ; the colors being white on red, the reverse of those in our flag, and the cross being slightly narrower than we make it.

The Russian jack (or flag to be carried at the bow of a war ship) may be described as a red flag with St. George's Cross in white, over which is laid a blue St. Andrew's Cross with white border. The British Union Jack of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, similarly described, was a blue flag with St. Andrew's Cross in white, upon which was laid the red St. George's

Cross with white border. From the first day of the nineteenth century, when the legislative union of Great Britain and Ireland came into effect, the X-shaped red cross of St. Patrick was placed beside the white cress of St. Andrew, occupying half the width, and having, of course, a narrow margin of white on its opposite edge to divide the red from the blue. (According to accepted rules, two "colors" cannot be used in this way without having between them one of the "metals," gold or silver, represented respectively by yellow and white. This rule, however, does not apply to quartering, or to placing a jack in the corner of a flag ; but only to devices and the ground color upon which they are displayed.) Look at our Union Jack of the United Kingdom, and distinguish its three crosses; noticing the ulternate arrangement of the arms of the crosses of St. Andrew aud St. Patrick. A plain red flag with

this jack in the staff-head corner is the red ensign of our merchant ships ; the white ensign, described above, the flag of our battle ships in active service, has the red cross throughout its length, as well as the jack in the corner; a plain dark blue flag, with the jack in the staff-head corner, is the blue ensign of the royal naval reserve. Formerly the British fleet was divided into three squadrons, called the red, white and blue, because they bore the red, white and blue onsigns respectively. Hence the refrain of the well-known song, "Three cheers for the red [squadron], white [squadron] and blue [squadron]." The "flag floating proudly before," which was "the boast of the red, white and blue", squadrons, was, of course, the jack, which a battleship always carries at the bow. Either a red ensign or a blue ensign becomes a Canadian ensign by having the arms of Canada displayed in its flag; and a like distinction is made for flags of other British colonies, The Union Jack in the canton bringing all under the banner of the cross. All British flags, when properly
made, are twice as long "in the fly" as they are in the hoist ;" that is, twice as long as they are broad.

The flag of Denmark bears a broad white upright cross on a red ground; but the Danish cross differs from the cross of St. George in shape. When the flag is oblong, which is its proper shape for the merchant service, three of the arms of its cross are of equal length; while the fourth, that farthest from the staff, is longer. In other words, the vertical bar of the cross in the Danish flag is not drawn through the flag at the middle of its length, as in our flags, but near enough to the staff to make three arms equal.

The merchant flag of Norway is like that of Denmark, except that the cross is dark blue with white margin; a resemblance which reminds us that not very long ago Denmark and Norway formed one kingdom. Sweden has a yellow cross of the same shape on a field of very dark blue. Formerly the flags of both Sweden and Norway carried in the square canton, or staff-head corner, between the two arms of the crosses, a union device made by a combination of the national colors. By a very recent change, however, owing to national jealousies, this union device has been removed from the flag of Norway. It was, and is still, used as a separate flag, forming the perfectly square Union Jack of the two kingdoms. To make it, one might cut off the fly, or outer end, of the national flags pure and simple, so as to make them square ; and then, dividing each into four parts diagonally, so join together two parts of each that the upper and lower sections would show the Swedish colors, and the others those of Norway.

The flags of the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian navies differ from the merchant flags in having a V-shaped portion cut away from the fly, so as to leave them swallow-tailed in shape ; and in the case of Sweden and Norway, the outer arm of the cross is prolonged into this opening, tapering to a point of the same length as the outer points of the fly.

The national device of the kingdom of Greece is a broad white cross upon a ground of very pale blue. It is square in the jack, and also in the canton of the blue and white striped ensign; but in the royal standard, which is oblong, the cross is of the same ehape as that in the Danish flag.
The war ships of the German Empire carry a white ensign, through which runs, as the principal device, a black cross with white margin, this margin divided from the white field by a narrow line of black; or it may be described as a narrow and parallel-edged cross of black upon a white ground. The cross has three arms equal, as in the Danish flag. To complete the description of the ensign, it has in the canton the jack
described below, in which the symbol of the cross again appears ; and, where the arms of the first cross meet, a white circle with the black eagle of Prussia. A black cross, known as the "iron cross" of Prussia, the arms of which widen outward, (in the shape generally known as the Maltese cross, but not divided at the end as in the true Maltese cross), is used in other flags of the German navy. A square white flag with such a black cross extending to its edges is the official flag of a German admiral. The jack, which is oblong when used as a separate flag, may be described as the German tricolor, (the merchant flag of the empire, of black, white and red, in equal horizontal divisions,) with the addition of the black "iron cross," white-margined and outlined in black, placed in the centre of the flag and occupying half its width.
The flag of Switzerland is red with a white cross. As in the jack of the German war ships, the cross does not extend to the edge of the field. Each arm is only as long as it is wide; and the cross, in shape as if made up of five squares placed together, is borne in the centre of the oblong flag. The Swiss Cross with its colors reversed is the flag of the International Red Cross Society.

Switzerland and the obscure republic of San Domingo, or Santo Domingo, in the West Indies, it may be observed, are the only republics in the world that display the symbol of Christianity in their national ensigns ; and the flag of the Dominican Republic, which a broad white cross divides into quarters alternately blue and red, is the only cross-bearing flag in Americh, except our own and that of Denmark.

It is noticeable that none of the Roman Catholic countries of Europe display the cross as a part of their national colors. Italy may seem to be an exception; but the flag of Italy is essentially a tricolor of green, white and red, vertically divided; and the blue-bordered shield with its white cross, which stands in the centre of the flag, is placed there incidentally, as the escutcheon of the reigning family, the House of Savoy. The white cross of Savoy, however, on a square red flag with blue border, is used as the Italian pilot flag.

The flag of the Rajah of Sarawak, an English ruler of an independent native state in the north of Borneo, may, perhaps, be regarded as a national flag. It is yellow, and bears a cross which for half its length and half the width of its tranverse bar is black, the other half red.

The flag of Crete, which may also be mentioned, though not as the flag of an independent nation, is the white cross of Greece on its ground of pale blue, with a Turkish device in the staff-head corner, a white crescent on red ground.
Many flags now obsolete bore the cross as a device, including one of the earlier flags of the late South African Republic ; but nations that have set aside the symbol and substituted others, France only excepted, are not among the leading nations of mankind to-day. It is a remarkable coincidence that the three great empires which now seem destined to rule the civilized world fly as the ensigns of their mighty navies white flags marked with the figure of the cross.
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## For the Eduoational Revizw.]

## A Floral Emblem for New Brunswick.

The Review for March makes the suggestion that the Twin-flower (Linncea borealis) be adopted as the floral emblem of New Brunswick, and the editor asks me to express an opinion upon the subject.

Certainly, floral emblems and like matters, while from some points of view trivial, from cthers are not. As people advance in culture they care mure for such things, which, with literature and art, help to refine their sentiments towards nature, man, and their native land. All such matters must have a special interest to everyone concerned with education, for the wathetic, like the moral and the religious nature, is a powerful potential factor in the development of character, which is the first and greatest aim of education. The selection of a floral emblem, therefore, may well engage our attention, even though to secure its adoption may seem a matter of much difficulty. Great emblems, like great songe, spring from the great events which profoundly move a people, or else they grow naturally from the associations of a stirring past. But if it be true that a people is happy which has no annals, then the emblems of a happy people must be found some other way, and we are free to try to secure them by deliberate choice, and even, perhaps, to attempt to fix them by statute.

New Brunswick's emblem must, first of all, belong to the forest, for 'she is, above all, a forest country. By the forest has her history been profoundly influenced; from the forest has her wealth in the past largely come, as it will in the future if her rulers be but wise; and under the shade of her forests will jet develop and flourish her literature and her art. : It is for this reason the proposal has been made to adopt a tree as the emblem of the province, her most abundant and valuable forest tree, the stately red spruce; * but we can also use the flower, and perhaps better than the tree. It should be, then, a forest flower, one thoroughly at home in New Brunswick, and distributed through its whole extent. It should be so marked in character and distinctive in appearance as to be readily recognized by all without liability to confusion with other related sorts. It must conventionalize well for artistic use, and should be pleasing in color and fragrant in odor. Certainly the lovely Twin-flower (called by some the Fairy Thimble) not only meets these requirements better than any other, but meets them all extremely well. It is a running evergreen vine, and occurs everywhere abundantly in moist shaded woods, where it particularly delights to cover fallen moss-covered logs, while its beautiful pink flowers scent the air with the sweetest

[^0]odor of the northern woods. It may seem a drawback that the plant is not particularly characteristic of America, for it occurs in Northern Europe and Asia; but is not New Brunswick herself, thoroughly of the new world as she is, linked by the strongest of natural ties to the old ?

The only possible competitors of the Twin-flower for this honor that I can find in our lists of plants are the Mayflower, the Cardinal Flower and the Canada Lily. But the first belongs to Nova Sootia, and is more characteristic of that province than of New Brunswick; the second is but an immigrant from the southwest, and is confined to our western streams; while the third is at home in open fields and not in the shaded forest.
Let us adopt the Linnæa, the beatutiful, modest, pure, fragrant, forest-loving, New Brunswick-loving Twinflower, for our emblem.
W. F. Gamong. <br> \section*{\section*{For the EDodoational Review.] <br> \section*{\section*{For the EDodoational Review.] <br> <br> Macdonald Manual Training School, Truro.} <br> <br> Macdonald Manual Training School, Truro.}

The Manual Training School for Nova Scotia, opened in Truro by the munificent scheme of Sir Wm. Macdonald and Prof. Robertson, offers a vacation course of manual training in wood-work to teachers desirous of becoming acquainted with this latest development of our educational system. The course will commence on Wednesday, July 10th, and last for four weeks. Short daily lectures on the aims and methods of manual training will be given, but the time will be chiefly devoted to practical drawing and benchwork in connection therewith. The school contains an extensive collection of examples of different systems of manual training; speci. mens of the various woods, leaves, etc., as used in the work of the school, and a complete library bearing on the subject. The equipment for drawing and benchwork is in the very best and latest style, and everything necessary is provided.
The course is not intended to qualify persons as teachers of the subject; but satisfactory work done during this period will be counted towards the work of the Special Training Coursè of six months' duration.
There are no fees whatever in connection with the school; and all teachers are eligible for admission. Early application should, however, be made by persons desirous of attending, as it is anticipated that a good number will take advantage of the course. All teachers of the Province of Nova Scotia, taking the full summer course will, with the consent of the trustees of their school sections, be allowed an extra vacation of two weeks. Applications should be addreesed to the Director of the Macdonald Fund for Nova Scotia, T. B. Kidner, Truro, N. S., who will be pleased to afford any further information required.

## For the Educational Review.]

## Some Questions on Tennyson's Princess.

1. Some annotators say that Aglaia is two years old. Cite the passage on which they ground this opinion. Study all the passages where she is mentioned, and compare such a child with any two-year-old of your own acquaintance.
2. What is meant by saying that "the child is the heroine of the story ?"
3. What poetic (or other) periphrases are used in the poem for these : women's clothes, kind acts, chimney smoke, flattery, honour, fame, the future, mathematics, glaciers, aurora borealis, Orion's Belt, Zenobia, Cupid, Deborah, Pindar, Egeria, over the whole earth, the capital of a country, spray, the new moon, the full moon, eager students, angular writing, "fetch the grub?"
4. Lilia says:

> "I would make it death

For any male thing but to peep at us."
Quote and comment on all the passages which show that Ida was nearly, but not quite, as intolerant as this.
5. What were the fundamental faulta in Ida's scheme of female education 9 If you can, embellish your answer with quotations from some other of Tennyson's poems.
6. Compare Ida's ourrioulum with that imposed on our schools.
7. Compare the science teaching at Ida's college with that of the Institute in the Prologue.
8. What bearing have the songs between the cantos on the motive of the poem ?
9. Show that the poem is "A Medley," both in matter and style.
10. "Jewels five words long." Complete the passage, and quote from the poem a dozen other examples of what it desoribes.
11. Summarize and discuas the opinions on the Woman question expressed by the Prince, his father, Arac, Cyril, Ida, and Blanche.
12. Quote and comment on passages that seem to indicate the location of Vivian Place. (Where is it really 1 How do you know 1)
13. What is there in the Prologue which is like the poem itself?
14. There are two phrases in the poem peculiarly applicable to the condition in which candidates should be when they go up to the Provincial Examinations. Find them.
15. "The songs, the whispers, and the shrieks of the wild woods." Whence come these three different sounds? When are they heard separately, and when 'shaken together ?' Are you answering from observation, or hearsay, or reading?
16. Quote some passages to illustrate the poetic (and primitive) method of indicating (a) time when, (b) time how long, (c) era.
17. In one of the cantos 'blood' is called 'death' at one time and 'life' at another. Point out the special fitness of the term in each case.

18-20. Send the editor three other questions that you would like him to answer for you. A. OAmeron.

For the Educational Review.]

## "Empire Day" in the Primary Grades.

Loyalty and love of country cannot be developed in the minds of little children by mere words. A lecture on patriotism will avail little ; an appeal to the eye as well as to the ear, together with some suitable work for the busy fingers, will produce an impression much more lasting.

The making of paper flags is, perhaps, one of the best exercises that can be suggested. Though this work requires a little time on the part of the teacher for preparation of materials, yet, if carefully planned for, it can easily be carried out, and it is a profitable as well as pleasing occupation for the children. If considered too great an undertaking for the whole school, the older scholars may take this work, while the jounger ones make paper chains of red, white and blue for the decoration of the school-room.

A few sheets of blue paper, such as is used for posters, can be had at trifling cost from any printing office, also a sheet or two of red paper, and the same quantity of white. Cut the blue paper into oblong pieces, about nine inches long and six and a half inches wide. Cut white strips, one inch wide and eleven inches long, also red strips of the same length, half an inch wide. Prepare some smooth flour paste, also swabs for applying it. The swab is easily and quickly made by wrapping a little piece of old cotton or muslin around a small stick about the size of a short pencil, tying the eloth on seourely with coarse thread. Have sheets of heavy wrapping paper, or double sheets of newspaper, spread over the desks to keep them olean. Also have each child supplied with two pieces of old cotton for wiping paste off fingers and edges of paper. Small butterplates, or dolls' dishes, or even flat shells, may be used to hold the paste.

Before the work is begun, a short sketch of the history of our flag should be given by the teacher, with black-board illustrations in colored chalk of the three separate crosses of which it is composed, St. Andrew's (Scotland) showing a diagonal white cross on blue field, St. Patrick's (Ireland) having a diagonal red cross on white field, and St. George's (England) also showing red on white, though differently placed, i. e., one bar being horizontal and the other vertical.

In a few simple words adapted to the understanding of the children, the story may be told of the three countries lying so close together, for many years warring against one another, each having its own flag and its own king, until, finally, they agreed to live together as friends, having the same king and the same flag. Then the question came as to which flag they should have;
each country loved its own the best, and wanted it to be kept. At last they decided to keep all three, and, by uniting them, to make a fine "Union Jack" for all the British nation.
At this point in her story, the teacher may show how the three crosses were combined. On a blue field, as a background, placed St. Andrew's cross ; on it draw the narrower red cross of St. Patrick; across these draw wide horizontal and vertical white bars, and on them place the slightly narrower red cross of St. George.


Here we have the British flag, or "Union Jack." And when our grandfathers, or great-grandfathers, came to this country, they were still British subjects, and they brought the old flag with them, and we always intend to keep it !
The children may now begin to make their paper flags. Paste first two white strips diagonally across the oblong blue paper, forming St. Andrew's cross. Paste two narrow red strips along the centre of these white ones, forming St. Patrick's oross. The next step is to paste a white strip through the middle of the flag lengthwise, and another white one across it at right angles, forming the white baokground for St. George's cross, which is completed by placing narrow red strips on these white ones.

After the ends of the long papers have been trimmed off with a pair of scissors, these flags should be put under some light weight until they are dry, when they may be fastened with small tacks to some slim sticks prepared for the purpose.

A valuable exercise for the children is the drawing of the complete flag on the blackboard with colored chalk. This may be done by even the smallest of the scholars. In this drawing the first cross to be outlined is that of St. George, as it appears continuous on top of the others, the diagonal lines being drawn from the corners to meet that cross.
A march round the room, or on the school grounds, to the music of some patriotic song, with the waving of small flags, serves as a very happy exercise for the early development of loyalty and patriotism.
An effective decoration for the schoolroom at this season consists of the red, white and blue paper chains
already referred to. Various lengths and widths of paper are used for this, according to choice, e. g., the strips may be four inches long and half àn inch wide; or they may be eight inches long and one inch wide: Put a little paste or mucilage (a tooth-pick may be used as a brush) on one end of a strip. Lap this over the other end, forming a ring. Another strip may be passed through this ring and its ends gummed together, forming a second link, and so on to any desired length of chain.

## The Farmer and His Work.

At this season of the year talks on farm-life will be in order. Interest the children in the farmer's work. If in the country, they may observe and tell of his doings; of the animals he has, and what he keeps them for; of the implements he uses; what he buys and what he sells; why his barn is usually so much larger than his house, etc., etc. Children in town and city school have little chance for personal observation of these things, and there is, therefore, the more need of enlarging their ideas through talks and piotures of farm life. They should also be encouraged to plant seeds of different kinds, and to watoh the development of plant life.

## "How tha Corn Graw."

(Belected from Misu Poulanon's "EVnger Playa.")

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$\left\{d\left|d_{1,} d: m, m\right| r, d: d, s \mid s_{1,} m ; d, m\right\}$ There was a fleld that walting lay, All hard and brown and
$\left\{|s:, s| l_{1, s}: f, m|r, m: f, s| m, r: d, m\right\}$ bare; But in the spring a farmer oame and fonced(1) it in with
$\{|r:, s| 8, m: d, m|s, l: s, f| m, f: r, s\}$
care; But in the spring a farmer came and fenced it in with
$\{|d: \cdot| \mid$
Then came a ploughman with his plough $;^{2}$
From early until late,
Across the field and back again,
He ploughed the furrows straight.
The harrow ${ }^{3}$ then was brought to make
The ground more soft and loose ;
And soon the farmer said with joy;
" My field is fit for use."
For many days the farmer then
Was working with his hoe ${ }^{4}$;
And little Johnny brought the corn
And dropped the kernels-so ! ${ }^{5}$
And there they lay, until awaked
By tapping rains ${ }^{\circ}$ that fell,
Then pushed their green plumes ${ }^{7}$ up to greet
The sun they loved so well.

Then flocks and flocks of hungry crows ${ }^{8}$
Came down the corn to taste ;
But ba-ang ! 9 went the farmer's gun, And off they flew ${ }^{10}$ in haste.
Then grew and grew the corn, until,
When autumn days had come,
With sickles keen they cut it down, And sang the "Harvest Home."
1, Arms curved to enclose space on desks; or, desk-mateslmay turn to each other, and, stretching out their arms, rest hands on each other's shoulders. 2, Hands with palms touching, thumbs up. Movement across desk as neariy as possible from loft to right and back again. 3, Thumbs linked; hands spread out with fingers curved, so that finger tips represent teeth, of harrow on desk Move back and forth. 4. One hand with fingers close together and bent to represent hoe, preparing hills for corn. 5, Left arm curved to represent bag of corn, from which riknt hand takes kernels, dropping them into the hills. $\begin{aligned} & \text { fing Gentie tapping or } \\ & \text { fingers on deak. } \\ & \text { Hands turned, palms up, fingers pointing upward }\end{aligned}$ with slight upward movement. 8, Hands raised high above shoulder. Fingers representing birds fying to cornflel. 9 , One arm stretched out suddenly with loud snap of fingers; or, give one sharp clap of the hands preceding the stretching out of right arm. 10, Fingers representing birds fiying up rapidly over left shoulder.

## From N. B. Inspectors' Reports.

In the procuring of libraries a very satisfactory amount of work has been accomplished during the year, and it gives me pleasure to again put on record an expression of my appreciation of the efforts made by teachers in raising the funds to procure libraries as well as other improvements for the school-room. I am also much pleased to know that there will be incorporated in the new edition of the school law specific directions for the care of libraries, as some instances have come under my notice where libraries have been destroyed principally through the neglect and carelessness of the teacher. -Inspector Smith.

After all, what better instrumentality can there be for inculcating in the minds of the young true patriotism and a respect for government and law than the public school? For here may be cultivated not simply a love of country for its past history and heroic deeds of ancestry, but also for what the country is doing for the children themselves in preparing them for the duties and privileges of citizenship, and thus developing the noblest qualities of mind and heart.-Inspector Bridges.

I think it a very creditable showing that in the comparatively few years since the inception of the free school system in this province, so much has been done, without making education compulsory, towards the organization of schools in the thinly peopled sections of these three counties. You may say that all this has been done by the free will of the people themselves. They have been urged, no doubt, by the inspecting officers and exhorted by their spiritual advisers, but no form of compulsion has been used, and they have freely given of their small means to secure for their children what nearly all feel to be the inestimable blessing of a common school education.-Inspector Mersereau.

Lack of expression is the great fault in reading. The habit of invariably emphasizing the last word in a sentence, or the last word in each line of a verse, is a common one, and it is an almost hopeless task to break the pupils of this habit when it is once fairly acquired. The best remedy is to guard against its introduction in the primer or firmt reader, where the fault generally begins.-Inspector Meagher.

One would like to see, in more cases, attention given to the care of trees and flowers, the arrangement and beautifying of school grounds, the painting and decora tion of school rooms. The æsthetic culture and refined tastes of our people are, in a great measure, estimated from the appearance of school district property, since it stands as a product of the united power of the people. Naturally the centres of our towns and rural populations should be looked to as leaders in this forward movement. Wishes in this respect are not always realized. Sometimes in remote country districts the neatness, sympathy and taste displayed in efforts of this nature put to shame the accomplishments of larger sections. The teacher of the district should stand as the high-water mark of every sentiment that goes to elevate and purify human nature. - Inspector Steeves.

There is too much tardiness, considerable truancy, and I fear an increase in the cigarette habit among the pupils-I should better say the boys of our schools. To eradicate these habits it is necessary to have the cooperation of parents, who at present are often a hindrance rather than a help to the teacher. . . . They complain because their children are not constantly helped by the teacher instead of being taught to develop self-reliance-the most valuable training that the school can give. They complain of home lessons, in many instances, and expect their children to be promoted each year, without any influence or exertion on their part to induce even a minimum of work to bring about such a result. Crowds of children are to be seen on the streets of towns and villages much too late at night, and the time for music lessons, drawing, dancing and social diversions is too often taken from school hours. They do not appear to realize that habits of punctuality and regularity are more important to the pupil than knowledge itself. In the matter of home lessons, some teachers err by giving too many instead of insisting upon thorough preparation of a few. . . The most successful teachers that $I$ am acquainted with give no home exercises, and demand thorough preparation of the lessons assigned. Compared with the work done in the German schools-the best in the world-ours is very moderate. There, a pupil of fourteen is said to have accomplished as much as our university graduates. Work and regularity are their key-notes, and so they should be ours. - Inspector Carter.

## Plant Puzzle for Children.

The following names of plants and flowers are given in answer to the plant puzzle which appeared in the April Revinw :
(1) Marigold, Sweet William ; (2) thorns, clover ; (3) lady's tresses, rose ; (4) lady's slippers, pink ; (5) poppy, elder, mint ; (6) snapdragon ; (7) peppergrass ; (8) Adder's tongue; (9) flax'; (10) Dutchman's breeches, Indian pipe ; (11) marshmallow, winter green; (12) forget-menots ; (13) nightshade ; (14) thyme, dogwood; (15) four o'clock ; (16) snowdrops; (17) pine; (18) mistletoe; (19) live forever ; (20) heartsease, yew ; (21) orange blossoms ; (22) willow, maiden-hair ; (23) madder; (24) cane, hop; (25) rosemary, rue; (26) lettuce; (27) birch; (28) pear ; (29) monk's hood ; (30) poison-ivy.

## Memory Gems.

Such is the patriot's boast, where'er we roam, His first best country ever is at home.

- Oliver Goldsmith.

Old England is our home and Englishmen are we,
Our tongue is known in every clime, our flag on every sea. -Mary Howitt.
No change of circumstances can repair a defect of character.

> -Emerson.

When a man dies they who survive him ask what property he has left behind. The angel who bends over the dying man asks what good deeds he has sent before him. -The Koran.

Not in the clamor of the crowded street,
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,
But in ourselves are triumph and defeat.
-Longfellow.
Be England what she will,
With all her faults, she is my country still.
-Churchill.

Arm of Erin, prove strong, but be gentle as brave, And uplifted to strike, still ready to save.

> -Dr, William Dreanan.

0 Scotia! my dear, my native soil!
For whom my warmest wish to heaven is sent; Long may thy hardy sons of rustic toil
Be blest with health, and peace and sweet content!

- Burns.

There ought to be a system of manners in every nation, which a well-formed mind would be disposed to relish. To make us love our country, our country ought to be lovely.
-Burke.
"Glorious is the world of God around us, but more glorious is the world of God within us."-Sel.

## BUSY WORK.

Make sentences in which the following words are used correctly; Sweet, suite; sold, soled; sentry, century ; steal, steel ; serge, surge; statute, statue; slay, sleigh ; soared, sword ; sale, sail ; seen, scene ; sees, seas, seize ; stationary, stationery ; surplus, surplice; stile, style; seam, seem ; slight, sleight ; stair, stare ; size, sighs ; re-seat, receipt ; rye, wry ; time, thyme; thrown, throne ; tied, tide ; to, two, too; told, tolled; tax, tacks; team, teem; through, threw ; tae, tow; trait, tray ; tear, tier ; tease, teas ; tail, tale; their, there; track, tract ; use, ewes ; urn, earn ; vain, vane, vein ; veil, vale; vocation, vacation; veracity, voracity; witch, which ; wither, whither ; Wales, whales, wails ; way, whey, weigh; weak, week; wait, weight; wood would; ware, wear ; wade, weighed; waist, waste; weather, wether, whether; weakly, weekly; white, wight ; wig, whig ; yolk, joke ; zeal, seal.

## Seat Work for May.

1. Model and draw a horse's hoof.
2. Model and draw a cow's hoof.
3. Model and draw a cow's horn.
4. Draw and paint bunch of lilac blossoms.
5. Model, draw, sew various kinds of fishes.
6. Press, draw, sew ferns.
7. Draw morning-glory.
8. Paint, model, sew a frog.
9. Draw fishing hook.
10. Draw, model, sew straw hat.
11. Model, draw, sew turtle.
12. Draw bees.
13. Draw and sew beehive and bees.
14. Model and draw cocoons.
15. Model, draw, and sew butterflies.
16. Draw and paint mayflowers.
17. Draw bean taken from soil after it has "sprouted."
18. Draw bean after it is out of the ground two days.
19. Same after six days.

> -N. E. Journal of Education.

## CURRENT EVENTS.

The quiet advance of the French armies in southeastern Morocco is adding to the extent of French territory in North Africa. A railway is being pushed through the conquered region, to connect Algeria with the French possessions on the head waters of the Niger and the Senegal.

A great battle has been fought between two native rulers in Central Arabia, to decide which of them should be Sultan of Nejd, the fertile plateau in the centre of the great Arabian desert. The battle was for the most part a hand to hand encounter of men armed with swords, and 5000 men are said to have been killed.

A force of British and Abyssinian troops is to be sent against the Mad Mullah, a native leader who is gathering a large army in the upper. Nile region.

The Cape to Cairo Railway is being extended from Buluwayo, the capital of Rhodesia, to Wanki, a place about 200 miles farther north, where a great discovery of coal has been made. It has been found that the Zambesi can easily be crossed at this point.

No decisive action is yet reported from South Africa. While there are almost daily reports of the capture or surrender of small parties of the enemy, there are still able Boer leaders in the field, with some thousands of followers, and the end seems no nearer than it did a month ago.

The English language is now spoken by one hundred and fifteen million people; Russian, by eighty million; German, by seventy million; Spanish, by fifty million, and French by forty-five million. The German emperor's recent order for the compulsory teaching of English in the high schools of Germany recognizes the growing importance of the English language in international affairs.

A successful sun motor is in operation in California. It is formed of mirrors so arranged that they focus their reflected heat upon a boiler; and is used for pumping water for irrigation.
The Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y., is now open to the public. The formal opening exercises will take place on the 20 th of this month. It is expected that President McKinley, the presidents of several South and Central American republics, and the Gov*
ernor-General of Canada, will take part in these exercises, though not present in person. By using the telegraph, they will be able to start some portions of the machinery. At the invitation of the government of the United States, exhibits will be made by Canada, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Salvador, Guatemala, Dutch Guiana, Bolivia, Argentina, Chili, Costa Rica, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela and Hayti.

A-bill providing a yearly pension for ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii has come before the territorial legislature at Honolulu.

The Celtic, the new ocean steamship of the White Star Line, recently launched in Belfast, Ireland, is the largest vessel ever built. She is seven hundred feet in length, has nine decks, and with a full complement of passengers will contain 3,294 persons. Built more fôr comfort and safety than for speed, her time for crossing the Atlantic will be about eight days.

The plague in India was never more serious than at the present time. It has recently spread to Benares, the sacred city of the Hindus, whither flock hundreds of thousands of devotees from every part of the country. An outbreak of plague in such a centre is one of the most serious calamities which has yet occurred in the history of the pestilence in India; as infection must be carried to every district, however remote.

The coronation of the King will take place about the end of June, 1902. Over one-fourth of the world's inhabitants are subjects of King Edward VII.

The government has of late been spending over a million dollars a day in prosecuting the war in South Africa. The total cost so far, however, is less than one-tenth of that of the great civil war in the United States, and less than one-third of that of the FrancoPrussian war of 1870.
The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York arrived at Melbourne, Australia, on the 6th of May, and were received with the greatest enthusiasm. At the parliament buildings they were received by the Australian officials, and foreign and colonial representatives, among the latter being the postmaster-general of Canada. The decorations along the route were most elaborate, and it is believed that three hundred thousand people witnessed the procession. After the formal opening of the first parliament of the new commonwealth, the royal party will visit other cities of Australasia, and then leave for South Africa on the way to Canada.
Three officers of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Capt. Cockburn, Lieut. Turner and Sergt. Holland, have been granted the Victoria Cross for saving the guns at Koomatiport ; Lt.-Col. Girouard has been knighted for his good work in South Africa; and four other Canadian officers have been made Companions of the Bath. The latter are Col. Otter, who commanded the first Canadian contingent to South Africa; Lt.-Col. Steele, of the Strathcona Horse ; Lt.-Col.-Evans, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons ; and Lt.-Col. Drury, of the Canadian Artillery in South Africa. Lt.-Col. Girouard, now Sir Edouard Girouard, K. C. M. G., D. S. O., who is a native of Montreal, was one of the most active engineer officers of the Nile expedition of 1897 , and afterwards
director of the Soudan Railways. He was called from Egypt by Lord Roberts to command the transportation service of South Africa.

The establishing of a line of freight steamers from Lake Michigan to Europe by way of the Canadian canals is an important event of the new year. The vessels will discharge a part of their grain cargo at Buffalo, pass through the canals, and reload with grain at Montreal.

The Canadian government has decided to make the 24th of May a permanent holiday.

The Baldwin expedition, now being fitted out at enormous cost by a New York millionaire, is to sail from Dundee, Scotland, for the Arctic regions on the 17th of June.
The anti-foreign feeling, which led to the Boxer movements last year in China proper is now spread to the extreme western provinces of the empire. The attack upon the Russians along the frontier, which led to the Russian occupation of Manchuria, may be followed by a similar attack on the frontiers of Russian Turkestan and British Burma. British and Russian troops are said to be already advancing to meet the threatened danger at these points.

Lord I.ansdowne, in the course of a debate in the Imperial Parliament, thus explained the difficulties and delays of the negotiations in China:
"China is, I will not say, without a central government ; but her government is a refugee government, established in a remote provincial town; and we have to negotiate as best we can-sometimes with that government, sometimes with plenipotentiaries at Pekin, sometimes through the medium of other Chinese officials. On the other hand, you have not a single power, but no fewer than eleven powers, with eleven representatives sitting in conference at Pekin. It is surely not a matter of surprise that among those governments and those representatives there should be room for divergencies of opinion, which naturally tend to prolong the course of negotiations."

## 'ROUND TABLE TALKS.

A.-Please state the meaning of Pan-American.

Pan is the neuter form of the Greek adjective, meaning all. Pan-American means relating to all or every part of America.

1. Is there a text-book on vocal music prescribed for use in New Brunswick schools?
2. Were country schools in New Brunswick entitled to three days' holidays at Easter?
3. Please indicate how to solve the following exercises in geometry.
4. None has yet been prescribed.
5. Read the "official notices" in April Review.
6. The answers are sent by mail as they are too lengthy for publication.
M.-Please name a suitable music book for Empire Day.

Canadian National and Patriotic Songs, published by Canadian-American Music Co., Ltd., Toronto,
W. M. B. $-(\alpha)$ How does the process of fertilization take place in the willow, poplar and alder? that is, how does the pollen of the staminate catkins reach the pistillate ones, and are these found on the same tree?
(b) Why do last year's pistillate catkins remain so long on the alder?
(a) In the willow and poplar the staminate and pistillate flowers are on separate trees. The pollen is conveyed by bees and also by the wind.
(b) In the alder the pistillate and staminate flowers are on the same tree. The pistillate catkins remain on the alder until after the seeds have ripened, and usually persist through the winter.

Subsoriber asks the Review "to give an opinion on the practice, too prevalent in many schoole, of teachers requiring their pupils to write impositions as a punishment. Hundreds, sometimes thousands, of words are given, which are written by pupils detained after school. Too often these are not examined as to neat writing and correct spelling. ${ }^{-}$The pupils, knowing this, have only one desire-to get through with the task as soon as possible, and therefore the work is done in a hasty, slip-shod manner.

Impositions, that is, the writing of a word or phrase a certain number of times, or the copying of a certain number of lines from some book, are punishments that suggest the treadmill and other cruel and senseless penalties of by-gone days. They are certainly not in harmony with the modern idea of education, which seeks to brighten the schoolroom and make it attractive. It is worse than a waste of time, because pupils thereby form vicious habits of writing and spelling. If the laziness or carelessness of the pupil has prevented the completion in school of a fair share of work, detention after school, if the teacher has no other resources, may be resorted to ; but the pupil should be required to perform such work under the eje of the teacher, neatly and correctly.
M. F. G. - Please solve the following question from the Academic Arithmetic, page 129, examination paper No. 52, Ex. 2: "A man hired a team to drive from Long Point Bridge to Port Hood, a distance of 15 miles, and back again for $\$ 3$, with the privilege of taking in one or two persons at any place in the road. When four miles from Long Point Bridge he took up the miller, and when ten miles from Long Point Bridge he took up the postmaster ; on his return he set them down at the points he took them up. How much in equity should each pay?

As the man rode 15 miles and 15 miles return for \$3.00, he paid 10c. per mile. As he rode 4 miles without any company, he pays 40c. After he took up the miller and rode 6 miles with him, they pay 30 c . each. After they took up the postmaster they each rode 5 miles, and the three paid $16 \frac{2}{3} \mathrm{c}$. each.

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| Miller | $30 \mathrm{c} .+16 \frac{2}{3}$ and return $46 \frac{2}{3} \mathrm{c}$., | , $93 \frac{1}{3}$ |
| Postmaster | $16 \frac{2}{3}$ and return $16 \frac{2}{3}$ c., | , $33 \frac{1}{3}$ |

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Subsoriber.-On page 88, Grammar Text, Nova Scotia School Series, we find: "The noun clause may be the object of a preposition ; as, in 'whatever way he looked,' he saw danger." I have been told that the above so-called noun clause is not the object of a preposition, but cannot understand why it is not. Please state in the next issue of the Review whether the above example is faulty or not, and if faulty, in what way.
"In whatever way (direction) he looked " $=$ whatever direction he looked in $=$ in every direction in which he
looked. Thus the whole sentence means that he saw danger in every quarter toward which he looked. Hence the preposition in shows the relation between the verb "saw" and the noun "quarter" or "direction" or "way," and governs that noun. Taking the sentence as given, the principal clause is, "He saw danger in whatever way," and the subordinate clause is "he looked." Or, if we may change the words, we have-principal clause $=H e$ saw danger in every way; Subordinate clause (attributive) $=$ in which he looked.

The ever in the words, whoever, whichever, whatever, wherever, whenever, is equivalent to every; thus wherever = everywhere, whichever way = "every which way."
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W. E. H.-Some of my scholars have observed two birds this spring that they never observed before. They are pretty well acquainted with the birds in this district, and are anxious as to the name of these. I have no way of finding out the names but by appealing to you in "'Round Table Talks." I will give as full description as they have been able to get.

No. 1.-About the size of a large night hawk ; brown almost all over its body, with a large white spot on back-covering back from wings to tail; has a slim body and head; has a long bill. It was perched on the roof of the school-house this morning, and attracted our attention by pecking with its bill on the top of the roof. Its pecking sounded like the woodpecker's, only very much quicker.
No. 2. -This one was not quite as large as the robin, and seemed quite tame. Its body was of a bluish gray color generally, and underneath part of its wings and tail was red and brown, showing reddish at a distance. It has a red spot on its head, its tail is fringed with white, and it has two white stripes running lengthwise on its wings. It has a short, stout bill; makes a peculiar noise when it flies; has a round head.

No. 1 is no doubt the Golden Winged Woodpecker, often called the Flicker. No. 2 is probably the Pine Grosbeas, but jour description is not sufficiently accurate to determine with certainty. Get your scholars to observe it again and write a better description; slso of the Flicker, some of the most prominent marks of which are not given. It will certainly be of great beneflt to your scholars to observe carefully and be sure of their descriptions before sending to the Revizw. Then the "probably" will disappear from the answer.

## SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Mr. C. W. Brown, of the Morris Street School, Halifax, has resigned his position and will shortly remove to British Columbia.

Arbor Day was celebrated on May 10th in all districts in New Brunswick except Inspector Carter's.

The trustees have had a fine hardwood floor laid in the advanced department of the Bloomfield Superior School, Kinge County, N. B. Out of money raised by school concerts, the room has been papered and painted, the walls decorated with maps, pictures and mottoes, and the desks cleaned and varnished. The rooms are now quite home-like, and it is, without a doubt, one of the best buildings in the county, and a credit to the district. About thirty new books have been added this
year to the already well-filled library, and three newspapers are taken by the school. The teachers are H. Ashley Wheaton, principal, and Miss Leoline Allaby, assistant.

The following prizes in the faculty of applied scienees, McGill, were won by Maritime Province students : Third year-John F. Robertson, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; McCarthy prize for field work; prize for practical astronomy, Frank E. Sterne, Morell, P. E. I., prizes for summer thesis, dynamics of machinery, machine design, mechanical drawing; second mathematical prize. Emerson S. Franklin, prize for physical laboratory. First year - Robert A. Chambers, Truro, N. S., prize for descriptive geometry. Geo. M. Kent, Truro, prize for physics. Clarence H. McDougall, South Maitland, N. S., second field work prize.

The Charlotte County Teachers' Institute will be held at St. Stephen on the 27 th and 28 th September.

The Albert County Teachers' Institute will be held at Hillsborough on the 6th and 7th of June.

Teachers and school officers in New Brunswick should bear in mind-That the annual school meeting hereafter will be held on the third Saturday in June, and that the trustees will retire whose term of office would have terminated in the following October. That the poll tax for the year (so regarded) from October 1900 to June 1901, has been fixed by the legislature at one dollar. That unless a report is made to the inspector of the work done on Arbor day two sessions of the school must be held. That Labor day is a holiday in all the schools. If desired by teacher and trustees, schools may be kept open on that day and the Christmas holidays may begin one day earlier. That there will be no Provincial Institute this year, but that the Dominion Institute will meet in Ottawa in August next. That a fee will be required this year from all candidates for the departmental examinations to be held beginning July 2nd next. That the number of teaching days shall not average more than five days per week during the time the school has been opened.

The Nova Scotia Normal, published at Truro, contains in its last number a portrait and sketch of Miss Mina A. Reade, teacher of elocution at the N. S. Normal School. Miss Reade has resigned her position to take a year's course of study in reading and elocution.

## RECENT BOOKS.

Bird Portraits. By Ernest Seton-Thompson, with descriptive text, by Ralph Hoffman. Cloth. Pages 40. Price \$1.50. Ginn \& Co., Publishers, Boston.
The portraits of twenty birds are here given, pictured in their native haunts, life size. A short account of each bird has been added, with the main events of its life, forming a graphic sketch, in sympathy with the portraits which are life size and represent the bird in some favorite posture-the Songsparrow singing; the Flicker gazing intently into a hole from his perch on some insect-bored tree; the Barn-swallow watching us with careless unconcern; the King-bird with his saucy, pugnacious attitude, ready for attack on any venturesome intruder; with others forming a list of our native songsters that will charm any bird-lover, or lover of the beautiful and artistic.

English : Composimion and Literature. By W. F. Webster, Minneapolis, Minn. Cloth ; pages 275. Price, 90 cents. Boston : Houghton, Mifflin \& Co. Toronto: Geo, N. Morang \& Co., Ltd.
The author has had in view, in preparing this book, the teaching of the methods of simple, direct and accurate expression. In a clear and logical manner he has presented a four jears course in English composition. It is especially valuable, as it shows how the best literature may be woven into such a course.
Ellementary Botany. By Percy Groom, M.A., F.L.S. With a Manual of the More Common Herbaceous Plants of Quebec and Ontario. By Prof. D. P. Penhallow, D. Sc., McGill University. Cloth; pages $252+209$.
This English-Canadian work on botany has many excellent features to commend it to our students. The lessons on plants aim to combine the results of field and microscopic work with the text-book to marked advantage.
Two-Book Course in English. By Mary F. Hyde. Book One, pages 211, price 35 cents ; and Book Two, pages 328, price 60 cents. D. C. Heath \& Co., Boston.
The leading aims of this course in English are to develop the child's power of thought, to form habits of correct expression and give him a taste for good literature. It does not begin by dissecting sentences, but by constructive work the child is led easily and naturally into the correct use of English. Special attention is given to oral composition, to the study of fables and classic myths, to written composition and letter writing. The books are exceedingly attractive in appearance, and are practical and progressive aids to the study of English-
The Third Floor; a novel. By Mrs. Henry Dudeney. The W. J. Gage Co., Ltd., Toronto.

A bright story of London life. The character sketches are good and the descriptions written in an entertaining style.
The Parts of Speegh and Their Uses; An Easy Method of English Analysis. By H. W. Household, M. A. Cloth. Pages 140. Price ls. 6d. Macmillan \& Co., London and New York.
This is a simple and practical attempt, based on years of experience, to teach the structure of English sentences. The examples for illustration are easy, varied and appropriate.
Mantal of Elementary Scienoe, by R. A. Gregory, F. R. A. S., and A. T. Simmons, B. Sc. Illustrated. Pages 429. Cloth. Price 3s. 6d. Macmillan \& Co., London.
This volume embraces a course of study in physics and astronomy. The principles involved are in the first two subjects illustrated by experiments. In astronomy the student is recommended to make observations of the sky at every step.
Greek Scolpture: A collection of sixteen pictures of Greek Marbles with introduction and interpretation, by Estelle M. Hurll. The Riverside Art Series, No. 7. Houghton, Mifflin \& Co., Boston.
This is one of the most interesting numbers of this valuable series. A great variety of subjects has been chosen, and the illustrations, as well as the text, beautifully clear.
The Woodpeckers. By Mrs. Fannie Hardy Eckstorm. With five full-page plates and many text illustrations. Pages 131. Cloth. Price $\$ 1$. Houghton, Mifflin \& Co., Boston.

A lively yet accurate and orderly account of the woodpecker family, treating somewhat exhaustively of five of the commonest species, and less fully of the others. The book is in a form quite certain to interest young people, and very likely to lead them to further observation and investigation.

Morang's Educational Series : Cabar's, Gallic War, Book I. Virgil's Aneid, Book I, Xenophon's Anabasis, Book I, Price 40 cents each. Geo. N. Morang \& Company, Ltd.; Toronto.
This series embraces the chief Latin and Greek texts used in schools. It is edited by English scholars, and the books are well printed, of convenient form, and at a very low price. Each volume has a complete vocabulary; illustrations with maps and plans of campaigns; introductions well suited to interest pupils in the subject matter ; notes explaining difficult allusions and points in grammar and translation ; and notes on translations and re-translation exercises.

The Bird Boor. By Fannie Hardy Eckstorm. Cloth. Pages 276. Price 60 cents. D. C. Heath \& Co., Boston.

A very useful book at a low price. It treats of water-birds and their homes; of structure and comparison; problems in bird life; some common land-birds; with hints on migration, observing and identifying birds.
School Management and Methods of Instruction, bspecially in Elementary Schools. By Geo. Collar, B. A., B. Sc. Chas. W. Crook, B. A., B. Sc. Cloth. Pages 336. Price 3s. 6d. Macmillan \& Co., London.
This work deals with every phase of education-the child, the home, the teacher, the school. In regarding the teacher's qualifications for his work, emphasis is placed on the importance of studying the relation of subject-matter to the mind as well as a knowledge of the subjects ta be taught.
A School Grammar of the English Language. By Edward A. Allen, Professor of English in the University of Missouri.

Cloth. Pages 169. Price 60 cents. D. C. Heath \& Co., Boston.
The key-note to the whole book is ${ }^{\circ}$ prominence to essential principles. It is admirably adapted for all classes which require a knowledge of technical English grammar sufficient for the intelligent study of higher English. It is suited for the higher grades in the common schools, and is yet elaborate enough to meet the high school course.

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