

## SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

During the months of August and September Inspector Smith has been visiting the schools of Botsford, Westmorland and Sackville, Westmorland county.

Principal Wm. M. Corbett of the Superior school, Blackville, N. B., has resigned his position to take a course in Dalhousie College, Halifax.

The Charlotte County Teachers' Institute will meet with the Washington (Me.) County Institute at Calais, on the 20th and 21st September. An unusually interesting session is looked for. The joint programme prepared for the occasion will be found in another column.

The Albert County Teachers' Institute will meet at Albert on the 27th and 28th September. An interesting session will be held, judging from the printed programme. Principal A. C. M. Lawson is the President.

The Kent County Institute will meet in the Grammar School, Richibucto, October 4th and 5th. An interesting session is looked for. Inspector Smith is the President and Mr. Geo. A. Hutchinson the Secretary.

It is proposed this year to hold a joint institute of the teachers of Restigouche, Gloucester and Northumberland. The proposed place of meeting is Bathurst, and the time proposed not yet decided upon, is the second week in October. Inspector Mersereau and the leading teachers in the counties named are moving in the matter, and the result may be confidently predicted—good institute work and a stimulus to greater educational effort on the North Shore.

Inspector Mersereau has nearly completed his visitation of the schools in Restigouche county, which was begun Aug. 13th.

Mr. J. D. Sprague, principal of the Liverpool, N. S., academy, died very suddenly at that place on Thursday, August 26th. He had been in poor health for some time. He returned only a few days ago from an extended tour in the upper provinces. He had been a teacher in Liverpool for upwards of twenty years and had charge of the high school for over five years.—*Yarmouth Herald*.

At the recent provincial high school examination, Truro Academy sent up five candidates for A and six for A partial. Of these four received grade A.—two A. Cl. and two A. Sc.—and of the six for partial A, five were successful. For grade B forty-three candidates presented themselves, of whom forty were successful. For grade C thirty-two candidates were successful, and for grade D forty-two. Harry Frame, Shubenacadie, has a record of 875 on B, and Miss Jennie McLennan, Truro, a record of 820 on D. The academy will resume work on September 10th, with the largest attendance in its history. The enrolment for A. Cl. and A. Sc., will be especially large. The McDonald manual training school for Nova Scotia will open at the same time, and the Truro training school of domestic science a few days later.—*Halifax Herald*.

Inspector D. Wilson, well and favorably known in New Brunswick, has for the past thirteen years been Inspector of Schools in Vancouver Island, B. C. He has recently been

transferred to the mainland of British Columbia, taking charge as resident inspector of the following districts in the lower part of that province: Westminster, part of Yale, Caribou, Lillooet, and Cassiar. Distance does not seem to count in the vast west, as Inspector Wilson travelled during the first week 500 miles to reach his nearest school. What would our inspectors think of that?

Miss Muriel B. Carr, A. M. (McGill), of St. John, has been appointed teacher in the Dunham Ladies' College, near Montreal, and will enter upon her duties in a few days. Miss Carr is a brilliant student. She graduated from McGill University two years ago, taking her A. B. with the highest honors. She has spent two years in post graduate work, giving special attention to languages, especially French, which she will teach at Dunham College.

The N. B. Normal School opened on Monday, 3rd September. The number of students who enrolled on the first day was 135, which with twenty in the French department makes an attendance of fifty less than last year. Probably others will enrol later.

Russel C. Hubly, formerly principal of the superior school at Hampton, who volunteered for service in South Africa in the first Canadian Contingent, has been sent to England ill.

The position of principal of the Model School, Fredericton, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. J. F. Rogers, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Amos O'Brien, late of Dorchester, who has been filling very efficiently the position of principal of the Charlotte Street School, Fredericton, since the opening of the term.

## RECENT BOOKS.

How should history be written in order that it may instruct and interest boys and girls, and at the same time give them a true picture of the growth of their country, its people and institutions? The question is not easily answered. It is too true that many of our school books on history completely fail in their object, so far as interesting children is concerned. The child is too often lost sight of when it comes to writing a history. Again, the methods of teaching history are not always such as can interest children, and this has been an influence against writing proper text-books. To read history with an examination in view, children must commit to memory an infinite number of details and events, and thus fail to grasp the real object in view in reading history.

There are three books before us on history, each written from a different standpoint and for a different audience. The first is *America's Story for America's Children*.<sup>1</sup> There is no preface or introduction, and the writer plunges at once into the story of the Northmen, following it up with that of Columbus, Montezuma, and others. It is a delightful story-book for a child. The real persons of history are surrounded with an atmosphere of romance. The myth enters into the story of the Northmen and other earlier explorers, but the writer, when she comes to Virginia Dare, Betty Alden, the story of the Revolutionary War, the story of the Civil War, passes through the realm of tradition and gets down to stories "founded on

<sup>1</sup>AMERICA'S STORY FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN, by Mara L. Pratt. In five volumes. I. The Beginner's Book. Pages 132. Price 35 cents. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, Publishers.