

children and arousing an enthusiasm for study are scarce.—*Inspector Condon, N. S.*

THE best schools are those whose teachers and trustees conform as nearly as possible to the law and regulations of council. The schools that show the least results for the time and money expended, have no definite aim and follow it. I am impressed more and more with the wisdom of having a definite curriculum of studies for all the studies of the public schools, and believe it will tend to advancement to compel all the government schools to adopt such a course as a basis of work. There are schools—and I regret to report it—that do not attempt the “Oral Lessons” required. I have made a minute of all these cases, and find they include nearly all of my poor teachers. They say they cannot teach these lessons, and I suppose they are more than half correct. Any one can hear children read and recite lessons from a book; but those who *think* and *study* can give good oral lessons. Want of time is the excuse given by those neglecting this kind of work; but they find time to attend to much other work not required of them. It is my present intention to make the oral work a specialty in my inspection for a few terms. I do not wish to undervalue text-book work, but I desire oral instruction to have its proper place in all the schools.—*Inspector Roscoe, N. S.*

PERSONAL NOTES.

Allan Pollock Douglas, Principal of the schools of Westville, has resigned to take a position on the staff of the *Enterprise* published in New Glasgow. He was presented with an address, field-glass and a purse. If any of our popular teachers leave the profession, we hope it may be for nothing less than a position on a popular newspaper. They then remain still public teachers; but their schoolroom becomes very much larger.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a Baltimore paper from Wm. R. Fraser, Esq., B. A., describing the opening of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, one of the finest in the world.

Principal McKittrick, of Sydney Academy, has resigned to enter upon the practice of law. He was presented with an address and gold watch by the students and teachers of the public schools.

F. T. MacKeen, Esq., has been appointed Principal of the Sydney Academy.

Jas. C. Shaw, B. A., Classical Master in the Pictou Academy, has been appointed Munro tutor in classics in the University of Dalhousie.

Joseph Kaye Henry, B. A. (Dalhousie), has been appointed Classical Master in the Sydney Academy.

Professor MacGregor, of the University of Dalhousie, sustains the reputation of Canadian science creditably in his correspondence in the *New York Science*.

Professor Lawson, of the University of Dalhousie, ex-president of the Royal Society, has had an interesting article on the Trees of the Halifax Public Gardens in the *Morning Chronicle*, May 16th.

Dr. Honeyman, of the Provincial Museum, read a paper on the invertebrates attacking the Atlantic cables, before the Institute of Science of Nova Scotia. Harry Piers read a paper on the “Stone Age of Nova Scotia”—illustrated from the Provincial Museum.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Moncton, N. B., is to have a new school building to accommodate ten departments, with basement for playroom in stormy weather.

THE N. B. normal school students have collected a fund of \$50, with which to purchase the nucleus of a library.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, Kingston, Ontario, closed on April 23rd. It is remarkable that the three valedictorians in arts, medicine, and theology respectively, were Nova Scotians; two of them Pictonians, and one a Pictovian. R. M. Phalen, an old Pictou Academy student, from Cape Breton, was the valedictorian in arts; Norman Grant, B. A., Stellarton, Pictou, in medicine; and C. J. Cameron, A. M., New Glasgow, Pictou, in theology.

The degree of A. B. was conferred on the following graduates at the recent closing of Mt. Allison University, Sackville:

William Ayers, Union Road, P. E. I.
Benj. Hedley Balderston, North Wiltshire, P. E. I.
Ephraim Rayworth Chapman, Port Elgin, N. B.
Charles Comben, Petitcodiac, N. B.
Levi Curtis, Blackhead, Newfoundland.
Fred. Wm. W. DeBarres, Guysboro, N. S.
Walter Daniel Irwin, Halifax, N. S.
Heber Stockton Keith, Petitcodiac, N. B.
Neil McLauchlin, St. Catherines, P. E. I.
Thomas Benjamin Moore, Sackville, N. B.
Wm. Wheelan Pascoe, St. John's, Newfoundland.
Samuel Willis Prowse, Murray Harbor, P. E. I.
Herbert Warren Sangster, Sackville, N. B.
William Seaman, Minudie, N. S.
Harry Almon Sheffield, St. John, N. B.
Henry Star Theakston, Halifax, N. S.
Thomas Augustine Wilson, Halifax, N. S.