

WE regret to chronicle the death of Prof. Jas. Starr Trueman, Professor of Classics in Alleghany College, Meadville, Penn. Mr. Trueman was a graduate of Dalhousie University, and afterwards took a post-graduate course in Johns Hopkins University. He was a brilliant classical student, and a young man of much promise. His death resulted from bronchial catarrh at Meadville, and his remains were interred at Amherst, N. S., March 26th.

WE hope many teachers are planning to attend the Summer School of Science in St. John in June next. Additional information to that furnished in the S. S. Calendar will be given in the REVIEW for May and June.

MR. KERR, Principal of the St. John Business College and Shorthand Institute, has associated with him as partner, Mr. Pringle, a gentleman well acquainted with the principles and practice of a business education, and a skilful penman. Mr. Kerr's Institute has deserved well of the people of these provinces for the excellent and practical methods employed in it, and the constant disposition to keep up with the requirements of the times.

INSPECTOR LAY of District No. 10 (Colchester), has resigned to take the principalship of the Amherst Academy, at an increased salary. Mr. Lay will be very much missed by the teachers of this district. He did exceptionally good work during his term of office. By constant visiting, teaching in the school rooms where such help was needed, and by a well-conducted series of Institutes he inspired his teachers in an eminent degree. He made the teaching of natural history a specialty, and succeeded in having the prescribed course of study pretty fully carried out in every school. The REVIEW owes its very large circulation in Cumberland and West Colchester to the intelligent use which Mr. Lay made of it in carrying out his work. He is likely to be succeeded by a first-class man—Mr. J. C. Craig, long and favorably known as principal of the Parrsboro High School.

THE pupils of the Halifax School for the Blind have been giving a series of entertainments in St. John, Fredericton and other cities and towns in New Brunswick, to secure sufficient funds to pay off the debt on that worthy institution. We hope the entertainments have been a financial success. Crowded houses greeted them everywhere and the result of the wonderful training of the students by Principal Fraser and his assistants have been a revelation to those who are not acquainted with the appliances and methods that enter into the education of the blind. The New Brunswick legislature has passed a bill making per-

manent the grant for each pupil from this province. It also provides for drawing a certain allowance from the county school fund, thus placing the education of the blind on the same footing, in a measure, as the education of other children.

THE St. John teachers have decided to hold a conversazione in connection with the Educational Institute which meets in this city in June next. An active committee of ladies and gentlemen have the matter in charge, and their names are a sufficient guarantee that it will be successfully carried out.

HAVE some definite plan for self-improvement. If you have not a first-class certificate, strive to obtain one as soon as practicable. Scholarship will suffer more from disuse than from any other cause. Do not then give over study as soon as you have left the Normal School. Do not be discouraged if you cannot get any one to assist and direct your studies. Some of our best teachers have obtained first-class unaided. Scholastic attainments are a great factor in good teaching, no matter what may be the class of school taught.

ARBOR DAY IN NOVA SCOTIA.

It is now about seven years since "Arbor Day" was first talked up in Nova Scotia. But we fear it is still more widely honoured in talk than in the observance. In a few of the progressive educational centres of the province it has been duly celebrated, and in such a manner as to be useful in decorating the school grounds, in cultivating the æsthetic faculty, and in popularizing and spreading some elementary principles of forestry, the lack of the knowledge of which will soon be brought perhaps too emphatically to our attention—when our useful forests are changed into useless barrens. The Council of Public Instruction have given the necessary stimulus in a regulation that permits the setting apart of a day for tree-planting and appropriate exercises connected therewith. We shall carefully watch the inspectors' notes in future, and the country and authorities shall know how "things are."

THE ADMISSION OF NEW PUPILS.

With the return of spring come the complaints of the teachers of Grade I regarding the admission of new pupils, which begins in March and often does not end until the term expires. Some cities and towns of New Brunswick, in fact the majority of them, do not permit this practice. It is needless to say that those towns making the highest average attendance do not permit new pupils to enter except for a month or so at the beginning of the terms. At present there is no