

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Frank Ingram Stewart, vice-principal of the Sydney Academy, Cape Breton, has obtained the degree of B. A. from the London University. Only three candidates at the late colonial examinations were successful, namely, one from Nova Scotia, one from Jamaica, and one from Tasmania.

Miss Annie M. Prescott and Miss Mary Hawkins, teachers in adjoining districts in Pennfield, Charlotte Co., recently gave a joint entertainment for the purpose of better equipping their schools. The proceeds, which were quite large, were divided between the schools.

The following Charlotte County teachers are employed elsewhere: Misses Mary Allen, Ella Simpson and Lottie Coates are engaged in St. John County; Miss Bessie Young, in Westmorland; Miss Edith Young, in Albert, and Miss Maud Waldron, in Kings. Some of these are first class and nearly all are experienced teachers. While this exodus indicates the appreciation in which Charlotte County teachers are held abroad, it is to be hoped it does not show any lack of it at home. First class and experienced teachers of all classes are not to be lightly parted with.

Inspector Carter will complete his work in the country districts on the main land of Charlotte County during the first part of February. He will be engaged during the latter part of February and the first part of March with the country districts in St. John and Kings Counties.

We are pleased to learn that the pupils of Kentville Academy have had the enterprise to organize a lyceum, which promises to be of much benefit to the institution. At their first meeting, which was on the 23rd of January, they had a reading by Miss Johnson, music by Miss Caldwell, and a debate in which Miss Hamilton, Miss Newcomb, Mr. Borden, Mr. Fisher and others took part. In discussing a topic requiring research into the recent history of the dominion, they are taking the true way to study history.

Some of our academies are devoting their energies too exclusively to the work laid down in the course of study. To have a large percentage of pupils beyond the pass mark may be gratifying to the teachers, but a preparation for life's work implies other training than that which enables one to pass examinations successfully.

For the sake of physical development, out-door games, in which all the pupils can join, should be encouraged. The gymnasium should be liberally supplied with apparatus. There should be an academy paper issued at least once a month. A good debating society would be of very great benefit in giving interest to all school work, in English, elocution, science and history. Let all these things receive proper attention, and let there be less haste in trying to pass the final examination and we will have a much abler and better developed race of young men and women.

Inspector Mersereau is visiting the graded schools of his inspectorate this month.

The calendar of the University of New Brunswick has been received. It has much interesting information, and

indicates that the affairs of the university are in a prosperous condition. The list of students for the current year shows: Graduates, 2; Undergraduates—Seniors, 12; Juniors 12; Sophomores, 15; Freshmen, 25; Partial students, 9; total, 75. The university extension classes in St. John were very well attended last season. They are growing in interest every year, and the increased work undertaken by the professors in conducting these classes without any remuneration, and at a great deal of personal sacrifice, speaks volumes for themselves and for the university.

The new school building of Parrsboro was formally opened on the 11th ult. Dr. MacKay, Superintendent of Education, Inspector Craig, the Principal, and the local clergy made stirring speeches. The building has eight large departments, is well fitted for science work, and cost \$9,000. The audience was evidently at one with the Superintendent of Education as he pointed how admirably the course of study was adapted to train the faculties in the most useful directions,—supplying useful information, creating capacity and discouraging cram.

We are pleased to note the success of two Nova Scotians in Johns Hopkins University,—Mr. Ebenezer MacKay, recently principal of the New Glasgow High School, and Mr. J. W. Tupper, who was a student at the same institution, were both successful in obtaining bursaries of considerable value. Other two Nova Scotians who took a course at Johns Hopkins are teaching,—Mr. A. M. Morrison at the University of Chicago, and Mr. S. McKenzie at Bryn Mawr College for Ladies.

We also see by the calendar of Cornell University that Canada has thirty-seven students among its classes, of whom a large proportion are from the provinces by the sea, and that they stand particularly well. Agnes S. Baxter, A. M., (Dal. Col.) took the Erastus Brooks Fellowship in mathematics and the degree Ph. D. Albert R. Hill, A. B. (Dal. Col.) holds the Susan Linn Sage Fellowship in philosophy and ethics. Another of the same is held by Melbourne S. Read, A. B. (Acadia University). George A. Cogswell, A. B. (Dal. Col.) is a graduate scholar in the School of Philosophy, and Ph. D. Wm. Mackintosh, of Halifax Academy, holds the Sibley Scholarship in civil engineering. Frank R. Higgins, A. B. (Acadia University) took the degree Ph. D. Albert R. Hill, A. B. (Dal. Col.) took the degree Ph. D. Ethel Muir, B. L. (Dal. Col.), M. L. (Dal. Col.) took the degree Ph. D. Edgar Wood, A. B., undergraduate (Hebert, N. S.) George Randolph Baker, undergraduate (St. John, N. B.) Joseph C. Hilton, undergraduate (Yarmouth, N. S.) F. J. A. MacKittrick, B. S. (Dal. Col.), pursuing a course of original investigation in physical science and holding a Prince of Wales 1851 Science Exhibition, tenable for two years, worth \$750 a year. Clarence A. McDonald, undergraduate (Sherbrooke, N. S.) Albert J. D. Martin, undergraduate (Valley Field, N. S.) J. M. Turman, undergraduate (Point de Bute, N. B.) John W. Hibbert, undergraduate (Yarmouth, N. S.) Edward L. Moore, undergraduate (Halifax, N. S.)

When our teachers are trying to stimulate the ambition of their pupils, they can point with effect to such a list of names, all from one only of the great universities.