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THE contribution on Spelling by Prof. Murray in this number is an interesting one, and his suggestions are worthy of a careful study.

THE annual meeting of the Quebec Protestant Teachers' Association will be held in Montreal, October 15th 17th.

THE plan of uniting county institutes, which is proposed in several sections in New Brunswick for next year, seems to have much in its favor. The larger field will bring together more skilled and capable teachers, be more stimulating, and present a greater scope for educational activity. It might be a good plan to make one institute for each inspectorial district in the province.

A CONSIDERABLE portion of space is given in this number to the reports of teachers' institutes. There is a good deal of sameness in these reports from year to year, a paper is read, followed by a discussion, and much that is written and discussed is of a stereotyped character. The practice of teachers giving lessons to classes before them at the institute is an excellent one, and one which, it is hoped, may become more general. While the value of papers and discussions ought not to be underrated, there is more real benefit derived from a lesson given by an earnest and capable teacher than from scores of papers. This is especially true of local institutes.

WE are indebted to the courtesy of Dr. Inch, Chief Supt. of Education, for the excellent cuts of new school-houses in Charlotte County, which are found on another page. The old country school-houses, with bare, unpainted exterior and desolate appearance, will soon, it is hoped, be a thing of the past, and fine new buildings like those pictured on another page take their place. And we venture to hope that should a picture be taken of these two school buildings in a few years, they will be found to present as neat an exterior as now, with the addition of well graded school grounds, adorned with handsome trees.

THE N. S. Educational Association at Truro this month will undoubtedly draw together a large number of teachers from all parts of the province. The Association last year reached a high water mark in interest and educational activity, and this year the Association will, it is hoped, beat its own record.

THE next meeting of the Dominion Educational Association will be held in Halifax about the first of August, 1898. It will take the place, it is expected, of the annual provincial associations of the three Maritime Provinces, and will probably attract a number of educationists from other parts of the dominion.

THE calendar of Prince of Wales college and normal school of P. E. Island for 1896-97 is before us. This institution, with a superior staff, gives promise of a fine year's work. The principal, Dr. Anderson, who has been enjoying a well-earned vacation in Europe, has returned invigorated to his duties, which he has performed so many years with such marked success and with such splendid educational results that his students, wherever they are found, bear the impress of his excellent training. Long may he be spared to do work for which his genius for teaching and his high intellectual attainments so eminently fit him.

SINCE the very pleasant and profitable visit of the teachers of Charlotte to the teachers of St. John one year ago, both institutes have been looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to its repetition, not only for social but for professional reasons as well. As an invitation has been cordially extended by the Charlotte