

The present term closes on Wednesday, just one day short of giving two additional holidays. If the term had closed on Thursday the schools would have re-opened on a Monday, but they will do so next year.

The country districts in P. E. Island are giving more attention to Arbor Day observance than formerly. Among other districts the Montague school duly observed the day this year.

The commencement exercises of Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, P. E. I., were observed with due ceremony on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst.

Among the attractive sights in Charlottetown was a recent "march out" by the kindergarten children. If the conservatism of the school authorities could be broken through and all our schools follow the example given by the kindergarten, it would be a benefit educationally.

Arbor Day was observed at Chatham, N. B., this year with more than usual interest in the planting of trees and appropriate school exercises. The address to the schools by Mr. J. L. Stewart, of the Chatham School Board, is admirable for its poetic descriptions and its suggestiveness. When trustees help the schools in Arbor Day and Jubilee celebrations, it shows that the whole community is becoming interested in the schools and their work.

The teachers and pupils of St. Eleanor's school, of which Mr. W. D. McIntyre is principal, had an unusually interesting Arbor Day this year, when about forty trees were planted, besides a general improving of the grounds.

Through the efforts of Dr. Cox and others, the "Miramichi Natural History Association" has been established and is now in excellent working order with a membership of over fifty, among whom are many zealous workers. A programme of weekly lectures has been carried out very successfully during the winter. Dr. Cox has presented his private collection of plants, birds, animals, etc., which it is hoped in time will help to form a museum that will represent creditably the fauna and flora of the North Shore.

Educational matters are progressing satisfactorily in Windsor. All the departments have most efficient teachers. Miss McLatchy, for many years the successful teacher of Grade VIII, having resigned her position in February, the vacancy was filled by Miss N. Forbes, B. A. Windsor will do well to retain Miss Forbes on the staff of teachers. A new academy building is to be erected this summer, to cost in the vicinity of \$35,000, to be of brick and stone. Messrs. Elliott & Hopson, architects, of Halifax, have secured the preparation of plans, superintending construction, etc. The building, when finished, will have no superior in the province for simplicity of internal arrangements, and the exterior is something new in finish. It will be heated by hot air, combining the general Smead with the latest in toilet

arrangements. With such a building there will be a great advance in the academic work, involving a larger staff of teachers.

Through the efforts of the teacher, Miss Jessie Sharp, the sum of twenty-two dollars will be spent in providing a school library at Parleeville, Kings Co., N. B.

Through the efforts of Miss Lucy Domville, teacher at Curryville, Albert Co., N. B., forty-nine dollars has been raised to supply a complete suite of furniture for school-house.

Recent Publications.

"Science the Ally of Religion" and "Pre-Cambrian Fossils especially in Canada" by Sir Wm. Dawson, L.L.D., F.R.S., are papers, summaries of which have recently been published in pamphlet form.

An Address delivered by the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education for Ontario, on moving the second reading of a bill *re* University of Toronto, in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario on April 1st, has just been published in pamphlet form.

"The Viscosity of Polarized Dielectrics" is the subject of an article in the *Physical Review*, July-August, 1896, by Prof. A. Wilmer Duff, of Perdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

"The Proceedings of the Portland, Me., Society of Natural History" Vol. II., part 4, has been received and has much in it of interest to the naturalists of these Provinces.

"A Monograph of the Place-nomenclature of the Province of New Brunswick" (contributions to the History of New Brunswick, No. 2) by Wm. F. Ganong, M. A., Ph. D., is republished from the Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada. This would be most useful to every teacher of New Brunswick.

We have to thank Prof. Wm. Crocket for a copy of the Calendar of Morrin College, Quebec.

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BOOK REVIEWS.

PHILOSOPHICAL REVIEW. Vol. VI, Nos. 1, 2, 3, Ginn & Co., Boston. \$3.00 per annum.

Another name has been added to the editorial staff, Prof. James Seth, lately of Dalhousie. The staff now consists of Pres. Schurman, Profs. Creighton and Seth. These numbers contain as usual articles from the representatives of such universities as Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Princeton, Chicago, Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Columbia, etc.

Educationists will be much interested to see Dr. S. S. Laurie, Prof. of Education in Edinburgh, playing the role of critic of the metaphysics of T. H. Green. It recalls to mind the fact that Prof. Laurie under the title of *Scotus Novanicus* has published two very important works in metaphysics and ethics.

Canada is well represented in these numbers. There are articles by J. D. Logan, a graduate of Dalhousie,