

F. H. Eaton, M. A., of the Normal School, and A. P. Shand, Esq., of Windsor, were appointed to vacancies on the Board of the Governors of Acadia College, at the late meeting of the Baptist Convention.

R. M. Langille, M. A., has been appointed to the mathematical department of the Pictou Academy, becoming vacant November 1st; and D. M. Soloan, B. A., to the classical department. Both have been Munro Bursars in Dalhousie University; and both graduated with honors in their special departments. Mr. Langille also holds a gold medal from the University of Halifax and has graduated in law after attending the University of Michigan. Mr. Soloan was elected valedictorian of the graduating class of 1888.

The address of W. S. Carter, Esq., Inspector of Schools, will in future be 114 Elliot Row, St. John.

Mr. G. U. Hay has been appointed to the principalship of the Victoria and Girls' High School, St. John, and Miss Maude E. Narraway takes the position in the Girls' High School, recently filled by Miss J. P. Robertson.

Inspector Carter is at present engaged in inspecting the schools in Charlotte County.

Miss L. E. Williams, after an absence of a year in New Mexico, has returned to St. John, and resumes her duties as teacher in the Victoria school, St. John.

The marriage of Miss J. P. Robertson, of the Girls' High School, St. John, to Mr. David Blackword, of Halifax, removes an amiable lady and excellent teacher from a position—the duties of which she performed with an assiduity and faithfulness that gained for her the esteem of the public and the affection of her pupils.

The following successfully passed the examination for the Nova Scotia County Academy headmaster's diploma: I. C. Craig, Parrsboro; W. H. Fulton, B. A., (Dal.) Halifax; D. K. Grant, B. A., (Dal.) Hopewell; J. K. Henry, B. A., (Dal.) Shubenacadie; H. M. MacKay, B. A., (Dal.) Plainfield; G. J. Miller, Hantsport; D. M. Soloan, B. A., (Dal.) Windsor; J. D. Sprague, Liverpool; F. I. Stewart, B. A., (Dal.) Charlottetown; J. S. Sutherland, B. A., (Dal.) St. James, N. B.

Wm. R. Fraser, Esq., B. A., classical master Pictou Academy, has tendered his resignation with the intention of proceeding to the Johns Hopkins university. His resignation takes effect Oct. 31st.

Principal E. MacKay, of the New Glasgow high school, is having an addition made to the high school building for a laboratory. The young people of New Glasgow will soon have the opportunity of laying a better foundation in chemistry and physics than is now given in more than one of our rather numerous colleges.

## QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

### Questions and Answers.

A. W. Which system of phonography would it be most advisable to learn, "The Ben Pitman," "Isaac Pitman," or "Graham's Standard" system? Is there any institution in the Atlantic provinces where standard phonography is taught?

B. D.—For a person without a teacher, studying with a view to reporting, whose system of shorthand would you recommend?

The Isaac Pitman system is used almost exclusively by English and Canadian shorthand writers. In the United States, the Isaac Pitman, Ben. Pitman, Graham, Munson and Scott-Brown are the leading systems. Each has merits peculiar to itself; but they differ in detail rather than in principle, and each has produced many competent writers and reporters. The Graham employs more contractions and abbreviations than the others, but, probably, what is gained in the use of these is more than balanced by the tax on the memory and the greater carefulness required in writing a condensed system. Any of the above systems may be acquired at the St. John Business College and Short-hand Institute; but preference is given the Isaac Pitman, as the one most generally used.

J. H.—Where can I obtain a copy of the last course of instruction issued by the Board of Education of New Brunswick? I understand it was published in the February number of the REVIEW.

The amendments to the course of instruction for common schools, proposed by a committee appointed by the N. B. Educational Institute in 1887, were published in the February issue of the REVIEW, for the information of teachers. Action on the proposed amendments was deferred until the next meeting of the Institute.

W. C. P.—What is the correct name of the enclosed larvæ? They were found on the Larch (*Larix Americana*). They strip the tree of its leaves and give it the appearance of having been scorched by the fire.

Your specimens arrived at Pictou within a week from your date of mailing; but there were no larvæ. They were all wrapped up in oval whitish silken cocoons, about half an inch in longer diameter.