

under the banners of England and France. This battle took place in 1760 on the estuary of the Restigouche, within sight of the spot where the relics of it are now placed. The other school ground, so ornamented and honored, is that of the Amherst Academy, which has recently been presented with the large gun from Fort Beausejour, by the Robb Engineering Co. of Amherst.

A concert and basket social was held by the pupils of the Curryville, Albert County, school recently under the direction of the teacher, Miss Marion R. Atkinson. The proceeds, amounting to the respectable sum of thirty-two dollars, will be devoted to painting the outside of the school-house.

The first practical experiment in Sloyd training for teachers and pupils of New Brunswick schools has been opened in the Normal School building, Fredericton. This is carrying out the purpose of Sir W. C. Macdonald to establish in centres in each province courses of manual training. Great interest has been manifested in the Fredericton school. A class has been opened for teachers every Saturday, and another room is to be fitted up to accommodate the pupils of the Normal School.

The Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia announces that shorthand will probably be added as an "optional" to the high school course of study next year. The Isaac Pitman system is favored.

Wm. McIsaac, Esq., inspector of schools, District No. 6, Antigonish and Guysboro counties, N. S., has resigned on account of ill health. John D. Copeland, Esq., of Antigonish, has been appointed in his place.

A movement is on foot to unite the districts of Surrey and Hillsboro, Albert County, in both of which a new school-house is needed; put up a fine new building in a central locality, and have a graded school in place of the two superior schools at present existing. Inspector Steeves has devoted his energies to the accomplishment of this end, which, if carried out, will be the first practical step taken toward consolidation in New Brunswick. The result will be watched with interest.

M. J. Alphonse Benoit, ancien principal de l'académie de Church Point, vient de recevoir le degré de bachelier ès arts à l'Université Dalhousie, à Halifax. M. Benoit est parti mercredi dernier pour Lowell, Mass., où demeure son père M. Rémi Benoit, ancien précepteur des douanes à Arichat, et se propose de suivre un cours spécial à l'université Harvard.—*L'Evangeline.*

The 29th Annual Report of the Halifax School for the Blind has been received and is a most interesting and instructive document, showing a very prosperous year's work. During the past year 128 blind persons have been instructed, 80 males and 48 females. Of these 65 were from Nova Scotia, 34 from New Brunswick, 3 from Prince Edward Island, and 8 from Newfoundland.

The teacher of the Lower Brighton, N. B., schools says: "The pupils have a great interest now in their country's history. They have contributed to purchase the REVIEW Supplementary Readings in Canadian History, and I am sure they will find them a source of additional interest."

Miss Julia Colpitts, B.A., of Point deBute, Westmorland county, who graduated last year at Mount Allison University, has been pursuing a most successful post-graduate course at Cornell in mathematics.

Some of the teachers at Chipman, Queens Co., N. B., have organized a Parish Association, which meets monthly.

A library, some chemical apparatus, and other requisites have been procured for the Riverside school in Albert county. A school entertainment furnished the means—\$24. Mr. A. A. Allen and Miss Deery are in charge of the school.

At Nauwigewauk, Kings county, N. B., the pupils of the school, under the direction of the teacher, Miss Alberta Duffy, have by a concert raised \$32 for maps, library, blinds and other needed appliances.

The scholars of the superior school, Elgin, Albert county, raised by subscription \$11.70 for the purchase of a Canadian flag which will be unfurled to the breezes on Empire Day.

The little school at Carroll's Crossing, Northumberland county, is advancing with leaps and bounds. The teacher, assisted by the trustees and the ladies of the district, raised enough money by a concert and a pie social to buy a full set of new desks and a teacher's desk. One of the pupils, Willie McElwee, provided a flag-pole which the trustees put up. The teacher made a three yard flag—a red ensign. The school-house has some fine pictures nicely framed. Among the rest, that of Dr. Inch occupies, as it should, a very conspicuous place. The teacher is Miss Ina Mersereau.

As was announced in last month's REVIEW the American Institute of Instruction will meet in Halifax this summer. The opening welcome meeting will be held on Saturday evening, July 7th, in the Academy of Music. The regular sessions will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and up to noon on Wednesday. Teachers of Nova Scotia who attend the Institute will be allowed a credit not exceeding five teaching days, to be added to their holidays, such holidays requiring the concurrence of the school trustees of the section where the teacher is engaged.

## RECENT BOOKS.

Teachers will be glad to hear that Mr. Parkin has arranged for a cheaper edition of his *Life of Thring*<sup>1</sup>. This will do much to popularize the work in Canada, especially as it has the imprint of a well-known Canadian publishing firm. Nothing of interest to teachers has been left out of the later work; and in its more compact form it presents a sufficiently full resumé to make it of greater value than the bulkier and more expensive work. The matter of the first edition has been reduced by omissions of details of school life and portions of correspondence originally inserted, because they had special interest for readers personally associated with Uppingham. Thring's educational ideas are no less fully presented in this volume than they were in the larger work. Nothing has been left out that is essential to the fullest exposition of them.

<sup>1</sup>LIFE AND LETTERS OF EDWARD THRING. By George R. Parkin, C. M. G., LL. D. London, The Macmillan Company, New York. For sale by Copp, Clark Company, Toronto. Cloth, pp. 513. Price, \$2.10.