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The second quarter of the Nova Scotia school year begins November 14th.

We may be so taken up with present day problems that the past has for us but a fleeting interest. But let us remember that what we most enjoy in our natural scenery—the plants, the birds, the butterflies; the swelling contours of mountain and hill, the verdant meadows, the picturesque glens and valleys have a history of absorbing interest if we could but understand it. Let us read the story of Acadia's past, described in Dr. Bailey's picturesque style in this number of the REVIEW.

At least one evening of a teachers' institute should be given up to a general social, where teachers and citizens may meet and mingle. One

such is in memory:—A cheerful cozy room, well lighted and decorated with flowers; the sound of animated conversation—no matter if they did talk "shop;" a chairman who said many pleasant things but did not make a speech. A public educational meeting is inspiring and stimulating where speeches are to the point, but deliver us from prosy and reminiscent speeches with the inevitable tired but patient listeners.

In the spring of 1907 a conference of the heads of educational departments of the Empire was held in London which was of great importance as it brought together leaders in Great Britain and the colonies, made them personally acquainted with each other, and led to the discussion of educational questions common to all. It was proposed to continue this conference every four years, and the spring of 1911 will witness a similar gathering in London. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were represented by their superintendents of education in 1907, and they no doubt will be next year. Dr. A. H. MacKay, of Nova Scotia, has suggested the following topic for discussion: The Consideration of the Attitude which Departments of Education throughout the Empire should take with reference to the Simplification and Improvement of English Spelling.

The death of Mrs. Alex. G. Russell, daughter of Dr. J. B. Calkin, of Truro, formerly better known to our readers as Mrs. Sara B. Patterson, on the 25th October, was heard with a feeling of the deepest regret. She had endeared herself to a wide circle of friends no less by her superior qualities of mind than by a charming and lovable personality. She possessed to a high degree the teaching spirit, and in kindergarten work to which she mainly devoted herself the best powers of her mind and nature seemed to be called forth. A conscientious teacher, a warm friend, a worker in every good cause, she will be sadly missed from a devoted family circle and from friends who will cherish her worth in loving memory.