

a purpose that before it ceases, the meeting will be an accomplished fact.

MR. ALLISON, Dalhousie, and St. Francis Xavier Colleges were the only ones represented at the Provincial Educational Association. Professor Andrews, Professors Seth and MacMechan from Dalhousie, and President McNeil from St. Francis Xavier. The Horton Academy at Wolfville was represented by Principal Oakes.

Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, is winning unstinted praise from reformers in all religious denominations for his powerful pastoral on the temperance problem.

THE executive committee of the New Brunswick Provincial Educational Institute decided at its recent session in Fredericton to hold no meeting this year, in order to give its members the opportunity to attend the United States National and Ontario Teachers' Associations at Toronto July 13-17; or the meeting of the American Institute of Instruction at Bethlehem, N. H., one week earlier; or the Summer School of Science at Antigonish, N. S., beginning about July 20th.

WE welcome the appearance of two new periodicals since our last issue: *Canada*, edited by Rev. M. R. Knight, Benton, Carleton Co., N. B., well known for his scholarly tastes and graceful verses, and published by the N. S. Printing Co., Halifax. It is neatly printed, on good paper, and has contributions from well known literary people. In his salutatory the object is stated, "to create, where it is uncreated, and to foster and develop where it exists, a spirit of Christian patriotism in Canada." The *Methodist*, a religious weekly newspaper, edited by Rev. Dr. Wilson, and published by E. A. Powers, St. John. In its opening editorial it states its purpose, "to furnish weekly a pure, healthy paper, distinctively Methodist, but broadly Christian," \* \* \* "not a rival to the *Wesleyan*, but a fellow worker." It has made a good start and gives promise of being an excellent family newspaper. The scholarly contributions by Mr. S. D. Scott, of the *Sun*, on "The Great Hymns of the Church," is one which no student of church history should fail to read.

THE establishing of a chair of philosophy at the University of New Brunswick has been definitely arranged, and Mr. Walter C. Murray, who has been appointed to it, will enter upon his duties in October

next, on the opening of the collegiate year. Mr. Murray is a native of Kings Co., N. B., and was graduated from the University at the head of his class in 1886. In 1887 he won the Gilchrist scholarship and went at once to Edinburgh. His course, since he first entered the university, has been one of marked success.

Such progress—the establishment of three new chairs in less than as many years—cannot fail to give an increased efficiency and a wider influence to the higher education in New Brunswick, the more especially as the establishing of these three chairs—in engineering, physics and philosophy—meets the popular demand of a broader scholarship and training of a technical character.

WE are pleased to notice the publication by A. F. Church of a new map of Nova Scotia. It is, we think, the most accurate yet, and makes a specialty of indicating where valuable minerals are located by about twenty different conspicuously colored or shaded marks. It is, therefore, well named "Church's Mineral Map of Nova Scotia." It is especially interesting in the school room.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND.

WE observe that the subject of public education is at present exciting more than usual attention in this island. The education committee of the House of Assembly have been offering a widely advertised prize for the best essay dealing with the problem of a better public system, the various points of which are specified in systematic detail.

In the *Telegram* of the 19th of November last, we think, there was an editorial countenancing a national system instead of a denominational one. Among all denominations there are prominent men in favor of some such solution of the problem. Whether the country is ready for such a move is, to outsiders at least, rather doubtful.

The *Twillingate Sun*, we notice, has often had articles or communications stimulating educational reform or activity. For the benefit of our Newfoundland readers, who may not otherwise see it, we quote a portion of the article. The *Sun* is certainly right in the stand which it has been taking; and in no way can a newspaper better benefit the island than by advancing and pushing a sound and active educational policy:

#### A TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

It may be remembered by many of our readers that some months ago reference was made in our columns to the above