

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Plans are being secured for the new Academy at Acadia to replace the building lately destroyed by fire. An early start will be made on the new building.

An attractive and well-attended school concert was held in the Masonic Hall at Sherbrooke, N. S., on March 18. The proceeds are to go towards a school library. The pupils of the intermediate and primary departments of this school have already contributed twelve dollars toward the Belgian Fund.

We regret to record the death of Miss Sadie Porter, a member of the staff of the Colchester, N. S., Academy, which took place at her home in Stellarton on March 2. Miss Porter was a graduate of Dalhousie, and a very efficient teacher.

On March 18, the death took place at his home in Digby, N. S., of Mr. Edward Manning, a man well known in the educational world of the Lower Provinces. Mr. Manning began teaching in the old Grammar School of St. John, N. B., under Dr. Patterson, in 1858, and was one of the staff of that school when the School Act came into force in 1782. After eighteen years service he resigned from the Grammar School in 1872 to be Head Master of the Female Academy, at Charlottetown, P. E. I. He was afterwards Superintendent of Education in Prince Edward Island. Together with the late Mr. T. W. Lee he taught a private school in St. John for some years, and later he was appointed secretary of the St. John Board of School Trustees, a post which he resigned in 1909. Mr. Manning was a man of learning, and of cultivated tastes; his interest and skill in music contributed to his success as a teacher. He is widely known as the author of an excellent spelling-book. He was born in Ipswich, England, and was eighty-two years of age at his death. He is survived by his wife and five children, one of whom Dr. James Manning, is a member of the St. John Board of School Trustees. The funeral took place at St. John on Sunday, March 21.

On certain afternoons in March, the teachers of the Amherst, N. S., Schools, were granted an opportunity of visiting the classes in grades corresponding to their own in other buildings.

When the Teachers' Institute meets in Middle Musquodoboit, N. S. in September, 1915, there will be an exhibition of school work, including the products of home and school gardens. Prizes are offered for vegetables, oats, poultry, cut flowers and for collections of wild flowers, weeds, native woods, minerals, mosses and ferns and insects. Also for hand-writing, drawing, wood-work and other manual training work, cooking, sewing and knitting. There will be a prize for the best school garden, and for the rural school showing the greatest improvement in the school grounds during 1915.

Miss Florrie O'Brien of Fredericton, N. B., has been appointed teacher of the Indian school at Kingsclear. Miss Rena Donahoe, the former teacher, has resigned and is removing to Boston, Mass.

Miss Laura A. Purves, teacher at Lower Titusville, Kings County, assisted by pupils and friends, gave a pie

social and entertainment in Titusville Hall, in October, 1914, by which the sum of thirty-seven dollars and seventy three cents was realized to be used for painting the school house. This sum was supplemented by a gift of five dollars, making a total of forty-two dollars and seventy-three cents for repairs.

Principal Sexton of the Nova Scotia Technical College and director of Technical Education for Nova Scotia, addressed the members of the New Brunswick Legislature at Fredericton on March 18, on the subject of Technical Education, and urged the adoption of a plan similar to that of Nova Scotia, where Technical Education has been very heartily adopted. He also spoke in some detail on the subject in the Board of Trade Rooms on the evening of the same day. The Fredericton Board of Trade have urged upon the Provincial Government the advisability of establishing evening industrial continuation schools in towns throughout the Province, and the appointment by the government of a trained expert to supervise the work. The government have promised consideration of the proposal.

LOWELL'S TREE.

"Trees come close to our life. They are often rooted in our richest feelings and our sweetest memories, like birds, build nests in their branches. I remember the last time that I saw James Russell Lowell; he walked out with me into the quiet garden at Elmwood to say good-bye. There was a great horse-chestnut tree beside the house, towering above the gable and covered with blossoms from base to summit—a pyramid of green supporting a thousand smaller pyramids in white. The poet looked up at it with his gray, pain-furrowed face, and laid his trembling hand upon the trunk, "I planted the nut," said he, "from which this tree grew, and my father was with me and showed me how to plant it."—*Henry Van Dyke*.

RECENT BOOKS.

We have already strongly recommended the children's cameos of poetry and prose to our readers, for use in school. The latest little volume is this series in a timely one consisting of Patriotic and National selections, made with the same care and taste that distinguishes the rest of the set. The teacher who is looking for poems for Empire Day programmes will do well to consult this little book. [George Philip & Son, 32 Fleet Street, London. 72 pages, paper 4d., cloth 5d.]

English Letters, selected for reading in school, rather surprises one by beginning with a letter from Cicero at