

to transform a public school from a place of polishing exceptionally clever boys into one for making the best of every boy individually, whatever might be the quantity or quality of his brains.

Professor Simon Newcomb, chief astronomer of the observatory at Washington, who, by the way, is a Nova Scotian by birth, doesn't like to be drawn away from scientific research by social dissipation, and on the occasions when he is thus drawn away he is apt to express his dissatisfaction with refreshing frankness. Thus the *Detroit Free Press* relates that toward the close of a reception at his house a lady approached the host and asked him with much enthusiasm: "How often do you have these delightful reunions, professor?" No polite prevarication delayed the reply: "Thank God, madam, but once a year."

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

The Board of School Commissioners at the regular monthly meeting held in the first week of September, have reduced the tuition fee of the Halifax County Academy to the rate of one dollar per month — six dollars per term of six months — for all students coming from *beyond* the county; while it is free to all within the city and county who are qualified to enter.

Acadia College has just decided to recommence the teaching of theology, and a new professor is to be appointed.

The Munro Exhibitions and Bursaries of the University of the Dalhousie College are attracting a greater number of competitors this year than before.

The Curriculum of the Halifax County Academy is being specially adapted to the requirements of candidate teachers up to grade A, and for candidates for provincial university matriculation. The attendance is the largest in the history of the institution, and numbers many students from beyond the county.

PERSONAL.

David Allison, LL.D., Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia, will be in England September and October.

The eighth session of the *Congres International Des Americanistes* meets in Paris, 14th October. The delegates elected from the Atlantic Provinces of Canada are G. F. Matthew of New Brunswick, and A. H. MacKay of Nova Scotia.

Henry T. Colpitts, Esq., A. B., teacher of the Superior School at Elgin Corner, Albert Co., has been appointed Principal of the Grammar School, Richibucto. His successor is Mr. Herbert B. Steeves.

The Petitediac Superior School opened on Monday 11th August, with three new teachers. Mr. Hanson, A.B., is Principal. Miss Annie Sprague teaches the Intermediate department, and Miss Nettie Naughton the Primary.

F. W. Cowperthwaite, B. A., of the University of New Brunswick, has been appointed assistant to the Principal, Central School at Vancouver. Mr. Cowperthwaite was formerly head master of the Bathurst Grammar School.

Rev. Arthur Wentworth Eaton, a Nova Scotian, stationed in New York, who has attained some fame in the field of literature, has been offered an Episcopal church in Florence, Italy.

Miss K. Mackintosh, organist of the Brunswick St. Methodist church, Halifax, has published five hymns which have received the most favorable criticisms from high musical authorities, and have been adopted in choirs in Halifax and elsewhere. Several of this lady's compositions have taken prizes in London, the judges being among England's most eminent musicians. — *Exchange*.

Miss Mackintosh is one of the staff of the Halifax County Academy. The Halifax papers have been highly praising her latest composition, a *Te Deum Laudamus* composed for the occasion of the first public exhibition of the powers of the great organ just introduced into the Brunswick Street Church.

Professor Eaton of the Nova Scotia Normal School, who has lately been offered a professorship in Acadia, has declined. He has gone to Germany for a year.

Dr. Hall of the Nova Scotia Normal School, who has been in Germany during the past year, has returned.

Professor Howard Murray of the Halifax Academy, and Principal W. R. Campbell of the Truro Academy, have our heartiest congratulations on their auspicious movement into the benedictine ranks since our last issue.

Messrs. Hay and Brittain at the Summer School of Science discovered another habitat of *Aspidium fragrans* at the Moose River Falls in the Cobequids; a few days later the Misses Flowers of Halifax, Miss Jenks of Parrsboro, and Mr. A. H. MacKay, discovered at the Minnehaha Falls, near Parrsboro, *Aspidium fragrans*, *Asplenium trichomanes*, and *Aspidium aculeatum*, var. *Braunii*, all very important finds from the point of botanical distribution.