

Summer School of Science.

The opening of the Summer School of Science will take place at Fredericton, July 12. The final arrangements for the teaching staff have been made, and a strong corps of specialists will teach the various subjects. A total of forty-five scholarships will be open for competition by the students, and more are expected before the school opens. These range in value from \$10 to \$20.

The evening popular lectures are a great feature of the Summer School, and an attractive list of subjects and lecturers has been prepared. The following is a partial programme of the course:—

"Scottish Life," Rev. Dr. Campbell, of St. John.

"The Preservation of our Historic Memorials,"

Dr. G. U. Hay, St. John.

"Irish Wit and Humour," Hon. Judge Carleton, Woodstock.

"What the Rocks Tell Us," Dr. L. W. Bailey.

Hon. G. E. Foster, subject to be announced.

Hon. Payson Smith, State Superintendent of Education for Maine; Dr. A. H. MacKay, Superintendent of Education, Nova Scotia; Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Superintendent of Education; Mr. J. D. Seaman, Secretary of the School, and others will also give an evening lecture each.

Applications will be received by the Secretary up to the meeting of the school.

The following scholarships are for the candidates from localities named:—

Sir Frederick Borden, \$20, for teachers of Kings County, N. S.; D. D. McKenzie, M. P., for North Cape Breton and Victoria County; J. W. Madden, M. P., for South Cape Breton; E. K. Spinney, for Yarmouth (town), N. S.; E. N. Rhodes, M. P., for Cumberland County, N. S.; The Guardian Newspaper, for Prince Edward Island; L. E. Prowse, M. P., for Prince Edward Island.

Chief Superintendent Dr. Carter calls attention to a mis-statement in the Calendar of the Summer School (p. 17) to the effect that "Nova Scotia and New Brunswick teachers who attend the sessions of the Summer School will be allowed (with the consent of the trustees) an extra week's vacation." Since the lengthening of the holidays in the country schools of New Brunswick to eight weeks, equal to the town schools, no extra holidays may be granted on account of the Summer School of Science. Nova Scotia teachers can obtain an extra week under Regulation 144.

FOR THE EDUCATIONAL REVIEW.]

The Imperial Education Conference, 1911.

The report of the Imperial Education Conference recently concluded has promptly come to hand. It forms a volume of 267 pages. It contains the papers read at the public afternoon meetings; but only the results of the Official Conference which was extended into the second week, with its discussions conducted confidentially. Two papers and the speech of Dr. Viljoen, of South Africa, on the Simplified Spelling movement were ordered to be published *in extenso* in the report, where they appear beginning on page 207. The telegraphic report to the New York papers contained a very important, though evidently, accidental error, which probably accounts for the Montreal *Star's* criticism. Dr. MacKay's comments support the development of a uniform standard pronunciation of English as well as a scholarly simplification of its spelling; and points out briefly, how with the absolute definite standardization of sounds by the phonographs, all teachers in the training schools of English speaking peoples may be enabled to train all English speaking pupils to use standard English (as soon as such a standard can be authoritatively determined and promulgated) in every part of the globe and for ages to come, with practical certainty.

The following are the resolutions of the Conference on the subject:

23. The Conference also discussed the attitude of departments of education to the more important movements in favour of the simplification, improvement, and uniformity of English spelling, an item on the Agenda Paper suggested by the Nova Scotian Government. The subject was opened by a paper by Dr. E. R. Edwards, one of the secondary school inspectors of the Board of Education, on "English Spelling and Spelling Reform," and a paper by Dr. MacKay (Nova Scotia) on the question whether education departments should tolerate any reformed spelling. These papers together with the resumé of a speech by Dr. Viljoen (Union of South Africa), are printed in part II of this report (see pages 207-228).

24. At the conclusion of the discussion on the simplification of English spelling, the Conference unanimously adopted the following resolutions:—

"(XI) That this Conference is of opinion that the simplification of spelling is a matter of great importance in all parts of the Empire, calling for such practical steps in every country as may appear most conducive to the ultimate attainment of the end in view—the creation, in connection with the subject, of an enlightened public opinion and the direction of it to the maintenance, in its purity