

THE autumn term of Acadia Seminary opened on Wednesday, Sept. 7th, with a full staff of teachers and 46 students.

ON the 9th September, there passed away full of years and honors the Most Reverend John Medley, Bishop of Fredericton and Metropolitan of Canada. He was 88 years of age, had been bishop of the diocese of New Brunswick nearly half a century, and was the oldest bishop in the Church of England except Dr. Austin, bishop of British Guiana.

A SUBSCRIBER writes: "I like the REVIEW very much and, although I have not always been a subscriber, I have generally been able to read it; in fact, I do not think I have missed seeing a single number. It was an excellent paper from the beginning and constantly improving.

THE N. B. Normal School opened on the first of September, with a larger attendance than of any previous year. Two hundred and eighteen students passed the entrance examination, and with others admitted on University matriculation certificates, the number will not fall far short of 250. The examination papers will be found in another column.

THE Kindergarten in Halifax is so popular, writes a gentleman of that city, that if visitors continue coming as they do, to the school, they will have to be shut out except on certain days set apart for that purpose. In St. John the department in the Victoria school, managed so successfully by Miss Orr, attracts many interested visitors, and it is to be hoped that ere long the kindergarten work that Miss Orr has accomplished with such enthusiasm and ability will cause her school to be made a kindergarten pure and simple.

Apropos of kindergarten a lady, the mother of a bright little boy, said a short time ago, "Why is there a kindergarten for girls in St. John and none for boys?" We turn the question over to the educational authorities for solution.

"WILL our schools celebrate Columbus Day, Oct. 21st?" asks a correspondent. "Has there been any mention of preparations for a similar day in Canada, or is the United States all of North America, and have we not yet been discovered?" In reply to the timely question of our correspondent it may be said that the Ontario schools are making preparations to observe the day. From a national and historical point of view, if from no other, it would be profitable for our schools to hold a similar observance, for we certainly claim to be Americans and we hope we have been "discovered." The October REVIEW, which will be published about the 10th, will provide something

for the day, to help along the work, and the Superintendents of Education will direct attention to the matter no doubt at an early date.

THE spread of Asiatic cholera in Europe is causing alarm in America, and very justly, for an epidemic may begin at any moment through the landing of goods or passengers from an infected city of Europe. Good ventilation, good drainage and cleanly habits are the best preventatives of this and other infectious diseases. If these be carefully attended to the "visitation of Providence," as some persons choose to call these epidemics, would be less frequent. It behooves the teachers to give increasing attention in their schools to matter of cleanliness. A good example is one of the best means to secure personal neatness among pupils. Every pupil should be taught to assist in keeping the school room and surroundings neat and clean. Scraps of paper, crumbs of bread, parings of fruit should not be allowed to remain for a moment on the floor or about the yard. Cultivate the spirit among pupils that it is disgraceful to be untidy, or dwell amid untidy surroundings. We once heard a teacher giving a lesson on patriotism to a disorderly school, in a dirty school room. Patriotism should begin nearer home.

THE following despatch is dated Chicago, Sept. 13, and will be read with interest by astronomical students:

"Prof. Barnard has earned a niche for himself besides Galileo and Herschel, and the permanency of his fame is as secure." S. W. Burnham, the well-known astronomer who recently resigned from the staff at the Lick Observatory to accept the position of clerk of the U. S. Circuit Court in this city, made that remark to-day. "The discovery of a fifth satellite to Jupiter, which was made by Barnard, Saturday," continued Mr. Burnham, "is the greatest astronomical achievement of the century and will cause the world of science to ring. It simply means the addition of another body to the solar system, which is, in these days, a most stupendous discovery. It is far greater than the finding of the satellites of Mars, for those two bodies were more or less easy of observation. Barnard's work makes an addition to the solar family in a field that was well-worn out, and which was thought to have been so thoroughly sifted that astronomers gave up the task of looking for fresh facts. Then, too, Jupiter has been the most observed of all the planets, for the reason that it is so very large and such a grand body withal that it invites inspection. I can tell you that this will be grand news for the astronomers of Europe."