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SHORTHAND SYSTEM AUTHORIZED FOR NOVA SCOTIA, THE SHORTEST AS WELL AS THE MOST UNIVERSALLY USED.

Isaac Pitman shorthand has demonstrated its superiority over all other systems by winning all the principal honors in the following International Shorthand Contests:—

*First International Contest*, Baltimore, 1906. The Miner Gold Medal, the only trophy awarded, won by Sidney H. Godfrey.

*Second International Contest*, Boston, 1907. Miner Gold Medal won by Sidney H. Godfrey and the Eagan International Cup won by Miss Nellie M. Wood.

*Third International Contest*, Philadelphia, 1908. Eagan International Cup won for the second time by Miss Nellie M. Wood.

*Fourth International Contest*, Providence, 1909. Eagan International Cup won for the *third time and permanently*, by Miss Nellie M. Wood.

While eleven contestants took the different dictations in the above contest 10th April, 1909, representing the following systems—Sir Isaac Pitman System, Graham, Ben Pitman, Munson, Success and Gregg—only the first two qualified. *Five* of the contestants withdrew before the transcription began, and *four* were disqualified on account of the ruling, that no transcription would be considered which would contain more than ten per cent of errors. The Sir Isaac Pitman system won over the Graham by 264 words in five minutes, against 246. The Ben Pitman second 116 and the Gregg (light line) 64 in the *five* minutes.

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*The University of St. Francis Xavier* at Antigonish is the first of our Universities to utilize for educational work our beautiful Nova Scotian July weather, as suggested by the JOURNAL OF EDUCATION last year. This Summer School of *Literature, Science, and Physical Training* is proposed to extend from the 12th July to the 4th of August.