

## PERSONAL NOTES.

Inspector Mersereau is visiting the schools in Gloucester County, N. B., this month.

Mr. N. W. Brown, late principal of the Milltown, N. B., high school, is at present on the collegiate school staff, Fredericton.

Mr. S. D. Alexander, recently of the superior school, Jacksonville, N. B., has been appointed to the principalship of the Milltown schools.

Mr. G. R. Devitt, of the Portland high school, has been appointed English master of the St. John grammar school.

Mr. H. V. Bridges, A. M., of the collegiate school, Fredericton, has been appointed to the inspectorship of York and Carleton Counties, N. B. There were eleven applicants for the position.

Miss Orr, of the Victoria school, St. John, is taking a partial course in kindergarten methods, under Miss Woodcock, of Truro, N. S.

Mr. D. W. Sutherland was one of only four successful candidates who passed the 1st B. examination in British Columbia. The examination lasted nine full days. The reason why so few passed was that eight new subjects were added this summer, in order to grant life certificates. Mr. Sutherland is a graduate of Pictou academy, and a teacher of first-class abilities, and many of the teachers now teaching in the public schools of Nova Scotia went up to examination from his school, and they look back with pleasure on the days spent under his training.—*Col. Sun.*

The temporary vacancy in the Halifax academy has been filled by the appointment of Henry M. McKay, B. A., of Plainfield, Pictou. At a very early age Mr. McKay was a distinguished pupil in the Pictou academy. In 1884 he entered Dalhousie college, winning a Munro exhibition, which he renewed in 1886. He obtained first-class distinction in classics, mathematics and science in each year of his course 8, besides taking the North British Society's bursary in 1886, and being awarded honors of the second rank in 1888, when he graduated. In competition for the Gilchrist scholarship in 1887, he was placed in the honors division of the matriculants of the London University.—*Halifax Chronicle.*

D. K. Grant, B. A., has succeeded Mr. Mahon, as principal of the high school of Antigonish.

A. J. Denton, A. B., mathematical master in the Halifax County Academy, has been awarded a scholarship for a special science course at Harvard. His students presented him with an address and valuable souvenir on his departure. He has leave of absence for a year.

## QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

## Questions and Answers.

B. M., ANNAPOLIS Co. Apple, pear and plum trees in this locality have been bored and ruined by the insect sent you by to-day's mail, etc.

The insect is *Xyleborus dispar*, Fabr, the "pin borer," so called from the size of its burrow. I found one of these holes in the portion of a branch sent, plugged with a wooden peg. About the eighth part of an inch distant was a new outlet bored. No use in pegging up the holes. The beetle, which is not wider than the head of a small pin, deposits its eggs at the base of the buds and the twigs in July or August. When hatched, the larva eats its way down the eye of the bud to the pith, and elsewhere. It changes into the pupa then and comes out about the first of July as the perfect beetle. The beetle itself burrows as well as the larva. The only remedy known by experiment to be certain is the amputation and destruction by fire of affected portions. Possibly a little Paris green introduced into their burrows might be serviceable. It is much more likely to be successful than plugging the holes.

## BOOK REVIEWS.

STORIES FROM AULUS GELLIUS, edited by the Rev. G. H. Hall, M. A.: MacMillan & Co. In the REVIEW for March we expressed our opinion respecting the value and use of annotated editions of the classics. Although "Elementary Classics" was placed at the head of that article as suggesting it, the strictures therein contained were not directed against any special edition, but against the academic use of such books in general. Many of these texts and notes, etc., are of great merit, and will no doubt prove useful to students who are working by themselves and do not possess the necessary grammatical aids. The selections from Aulus Gellius are interesting and simple, and cannot but be looked upon as one of the best of the series of elementary classics. The grammatical notes are clearly expressed, and the exercises for re-translation well prepared. The other materials, historical and antiquarian, will, we doubt not, be found useful and suggestive. As an elementary reader, if judiciously used, it may be helpful and inspiring.

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