

N. S. Summer School of Science.

The committee of the Summer School of Science, which met in Halifax recently, accepted the generous offers of the Parrsboro people and trustees, and definitely settled on that town as the next place of meeting. They could not meet in a place surrounded by greater natural advantages—the advantages that go to make their plan of teaching science successful. We trust that among the many excursions they plan, there will be one to Amherst. We have to show them, first of all, Amherst, then, our marshes, our old historic landmarks, forts Lawrence and Beausejour, a submerged forest, etc., and also our sympathy in their great aim—that of making themselves better teachers. We trust the Cumberland teachers will make every sacrifice to be present and thus show their appreciation of the honor done our county by the N. S. S. of Science. Can we not send 100 teachers from Inspectoral District No. 10?—*Amherst Gazette*.

AMONG THE ACADEMIES.

The students of the Halifax academy are going to raise funds for the purchase of a piano for use in the convocation hall. Pictou academy procured a piano for the same purpose two years ago, the funds being raised by concerts, etc., conducted principally by students. On Feb. 4th, the Pictou amateur dramatic club played *Esmeralda* to a splendid house in the convocation hall—the proceeds to go towards the mounting of the birds and mammals of the province for the academy natural history museum. On a previous occasion the *Merchant of Venice* was put upon the stage by the third year class who were studying the play according to the prescribed high school course. It was a great success from both the histrionic and financial points of view. It also stimulated greatly a thorough study of the play in class. The Digby academy has invoked the aid of the press to arouse public interest in its projected museum work. Colchester academy has already made a good beginning, and so has the New Glasgow high school. Notes of progress in these or any other lines will be greatly welcomed by the editors, who will have much pleasure in giving condensed summaries of them from time to time.

A FEW days ago, a circular from the I. C. R. authorities, informed conductors that all who did not learn to write grammatically and spell correctly would be reduced, and that all brakemen who could not write grammatically and spell correctly would not be promoted.

PERSONAL NOTES.

William S. Calkin, B. A., 1887, of Dalhousie College, has been appointed assistant professor of Chemistry at Cornell University. Mr. Calkin is a son of Principal Calkin of the Nova Scotia normal school.

The prize for the best collection of home-made physical and chemical apparatus exhibited at the Nova Scotia Summer School of Science 1888, has been awarded to Mr. John H. McMillan of the Pictou academy.

Professor F. H. Eaton, M. A., of the Nova Scotia normal school, Truro, is president of the Summer Science School of 1889, which is to be held at Parrsboro. Professor J. B. Hall, Ph. D., of the same institution, is secretary. Intending students should communicate their intentions as early as possible. The programme of the school will be issued at an early date.

Mr. Burton Foster, second teacher in the Collegiate school, Fredericton, N. B., has been promoted to the Principalship of the school. Mr. James Palmer, of Chatham high school, has been made second teacher.

Professor Alexander of Dalhousie College, has been appointed to the professorship of English literature in Toronto University at \$4,000 a year.

The death of Mr. John Raymond, late Principal of the Kings County, N. B., Grammar school occurred at Hampton recently. During his long service as a teacher he sent out a great many young men well equipped with educational advantages, who in the different provinces will hear of the death of their teacher with regret.

QUESTION DEPARTMENT.**Questions and Answers.**

M. B. H., TRURO.—(1) Should a student of telegraphy rest the arm, at or near the elbow, while practising? (2) Which is the better for a young man to study, telegraphy, or stenography and typewriting? (3) Where may they be studied?

(1) Some operatives do not rest the arm at all; but the majority rest the muscular part of the fore-arm upon the table, allowing the wrist to be perfectly limber.

(2) Which of these will be best will depend upon the inclination and ability of the young man; some might succeed at one but not at the others. Shorthand (with type-writing) is the more remunerative, but requires greater ability and a longer preparation.

(3) A glance at our advertising columns will show where these arts may be studied with advantage.