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EDITORIAL NOTES.

AFTER the 1st of November the Nova Scotian headquarters of the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW will have been transferred from Pictou to Halifax.

At a recent meeting in the kindergarten room in Truro a Mother's Circle was formed, the object of which is to bring about a closer sympathy and co-operation between the family and the kindergarten. Mrs. Condon presided and explained the object of the meeting and was followed by Miss Twichell, Principal of the Truro Kindergarten, whose interesting address was listened to with great attention.

WE are glad to learn that Mr. W. F. Ganong, of Harvard, is about to publish a work on the Economic Mollusca of the Atlantic Provinces. From proof-sheets which we have seen, we can recommend it to every teacher and every family on the long coast line of our three provinces. He gives figures which will enable any one to identify the common and useful shell-fish in the waters around us; and shows to what extent they have been used as food, or for the benefit of man. The book is extremely popular and will be a revelation to the multitude.

THE Nova Scotia Normal School, at Truro, will open on the 6th November. The Tonic Sol-fa system of music will be taught in it, we observe, as will also the kindergarten system.

LECTURES began at the N. B. University this week. There were fourteen students who matriculated for the full course, four of whom are young ladies. The leader of the Freshman class and winner of the Wilmot scholarship is Mr. Harry Porter, of Fredericton, closely followed by Miss Frances Everett.

WE are in the midst of the season of local educational institutes. Brief outlines of the proceedings at some of these conventions will be found in another column. So far as we have been able to gather from published reports and from persons attending them the proceedings were of great practical importance to the teachers assembled. This could not be otherwise when all classes of educational workers from the superintendent to the primary teachers meet at these conventions. Every phase of work may be examined and commented upon, difficulties solved, differences of method compared and the best methods emphasized. We do not see how it is possible for teachers to attend these institutes and not receive and confer great practical benefits.

SEVERAL New Brunswick teachers attended the Science School at Parrsboro, N. S., last summer. Dr. Burwash, a New Brunswick professor, has been appointed to the staff of instructors for next year. Parrsboro, the place of meeting next summer, is rather central. Would not a more complete union of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island in a Summer School of Science be desirable? We don't know, but we moot the question.

WE invite the attention of our readers to the articles on Modelling in Clay which are to be found in this number. A careful perusal will be of benefit to those who have just begun this work in their schools.

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