

of Northern and Southern Nigeria. It is expected that the new organization can be made ready within a year.

Eight years ago, Great Britain sent a military force into Thibet, and concluded a treaty by which that country agreed not to give special privileges to any other power without the consent of Great Britain. On that occasion, the Dalai Lama, the ruler of Thibet, fled to Mongolia. Later he went to China, and then returned to Lhasa, his capital city; but in 1910 he was deposed by the Chinese authorities and fled to India. He has now returned; and Great Britain is supporting him to the extent of protesting against a Chinese military expedition being sent to Lhasa. It is rather curious that after fleeing from the British, he should now, so soon, be looking to the British for help.

The district added to the Province of Ontario by the new boundary legislation of last winter, is, to be known as the District of Patricia.

Japan and China, as well as the nations of South America and western Europe, are preparing for the trade which is to pass through the Panama Canal. The Tehuantepec Railway, however, which is already in operation, will be able to compete with the canal almost on equal terms. A considerable amount of Canadian trade now goes from ocean to ocean by that route.

The Canadian Parliament will meet next month, principally to decide in what form Canada shall contribute to the support of the British navy.

There have been fierce battles with the insurgents in Mexico, but apparently without any decisive result. In Nicaragua, the rebellion seems to be nearly suppressed.

Brazil is taking measures to save the whales in the South Pacific Ocean. It is said that they are in danger of being exterminated by American whalers.

There are one hundred and ten languages spoken in Canada today. This is the Bible Society's estimate, in connection with placing the Scriptures in the hands of immigrants.

The long-dreaded war in the Balkans seems now inevitable. Though the great powers of Europe are still striving to preserve the peace, Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro are ready for war with Turkey; and actual hostilities may have already commenced. The great danger is that other powers may be involved.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

The York-Sunbury-Queens, N. B., Teachers' Institute will not meet this year.

Dr. W. H. Magee, formerly principal of the schools at Parrsboro and Annapolis Royal, N. S., and more recently principal of the schools at Watrous, Sask., has been appointed inspector of the schools of Battleford, Saskatchewan district.

Mr. W. C. Hains has charge of the school at Middle Southampton, N. B. The school room has been repainted, new desks are being placed, and funds are being raised to enlarge the grounds.

Amherst, N. S., with her increased schoolroom accommodation is again facing the problem of housing her school

population. In the fine new building which has been open only seven months, all the available room is now occupied, and the average enrolment in each department is almost fifty-five.

Miss Neva McDonald, of Hantsport, is the teacher of the public school at Newtonville, N. S.

The University of New Brunswick has opened a law course. Mr. J. D. Phinney and Mr. P. J. Hughes are the lecturers this year. Nearly fifty new students have entered the University classes this year.

Dr. D. W. Hamilton, of the New Brunswick Normal School, has been appointed teacher of physics in the normal school for teachers, Macdonald College, Quebec. He is also taking an advanced course in agriculture for the B. S. A. degree.

Miss Mai I. Messenger, B. A., who left Wolfville a few years ago and has been teaching in Vancouver, B. C., has taken a position on the staff of the Okanagan College, at Summerland, B. C., of which Everett W. Sawyer is President.—*Kentville Advertiser*.

The Technical College opened at Halifax on Tuesday, September twenty-fifth.

Nelson shields have been presented with appropriate ceremonies to the leading schools throughout the Maritime provinces during the past few weeks. They are made from the metal of Nelson's old flagship the *Victory*; and are designed to foster feelings of loyalty among Canadian children. Already more than 2,000 have been distributed in Canada. They are the gift of Lord Strathcona.

The Kings-Queens Counties Teachers' Institute will be held at Sussex, October 24th and 25th. See advertisement on another page.

RECENT BOOKS.

Nothing seems to have been omitted from that excellent book, *Practical English Composition*, by Misses Carolyn M. Gerrish and Margaret Cunningham, of the Dorchester High School, Massachusetts, to lessen its usefulness. From the beginning, students are required to do creative work and to elect, arrange and express ideas so as to make the best use of what they know. Models are used to encourage and develop original thought and expression. Each chapter provides ample exercises for students, and topics for themes. It is the purpose of the book to accomplish four things for the student: (1) To give him continually increasing power in original composition; (2) to train him in habits of accuracy in mechanical form (spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.); (3) to develop his interest in good literature, and (4) to stimulate his interest in the affairs of the world in which he lives. The book is an admirable classroom assistant for the teacher to give a good foundation in difficult English composition. (Cloth; 436 pages; price, \$1.00. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, Mass.)

The author of *Essentials of Physics* is convinced, after a long experience in teaching that subject, that the simplest and most effective method is by question and answer, which is employed by every teacher in the classroom. This is the only method by which the teacher can be sure