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THERE will be no *REVIEW* issued in July. We wish our readers a pleasant and restful vacation.

NOTICE the special courses for teachers at Truro.

THE anniversary exercises of the colleges which close before the June *REVIEW* is issued have for the past sixteen years been a special feature of our "College Number." The aim has been to present each year a historical record of progress rather than a complete account of the proceedings which are fully reported in the daily and local weekly papers. The past year's record has been a gratifying one in the history of our higher educational progress, and we hope may stimulate young teachers and

many boys and girls in our schools to look forward to a college course as a fuller preparation for their life work.

The Lesson of the Forest.

THE destructive forest fires that have raged in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Maine and elsewhere during the past few weeks, have caused enormous losses. Not only have vast areas of valuable timber and many houses been destroyed, but owing to the dry and parched condition of the soil from the long drought, great stretches of country have been rendered useless and unproductive for many years to come. A few days ago the writer was shown a piece of land that had been swept by fire nearly half a century ago. So complete was the ruin of the soil that nothing has been produced since but stunted birches and evergreens. Great stretches of country throughout these provinces and elsewhere in Canada are in the same condition—the fertility of the soil ruined for years, perhaps for centuries. No one can estimate the loss suffered by this country from forest fires. Are our people never to learn the lesson which is taught with unfailing regularity nearly every year, and accompanied with great loss, not only to themselves but to their children and to the whole country? Sportsmen and fishermen go into the woods when everything is as dry as tinder. They kindle fires and leave without putting them out, thoughtless of the consequences and the ruin that many innocent persons may suffer from their criminal neglect. Lumbermen cut down trees and leave great masses of brush lying in the woods. Farmers make brush fences near their dwellings or cut down trees, leaving the branches to dry on the ground. It is this tinder of brush wood, that once started in a dry season soon works up a forest fire beyond control and leads it to the very door of many a settler's house. Going along a country road how many houses we may see close to the woods, and these woods filled with brush heaps or dead trees and branches that only wait for a spark to raise a conflagration that may destroy the labors for years of many innocent persons, or lay in ruins many fair landscapes. What are the lessons to be