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#### NOVA SCOTIA

The new Willow Street School was opened in Truro, October 4th. It is an up-to-date building with two acres of ground; Miss Josephine Bishop is principal.

The Normal College opened in Truro, September 30th, with the attendance equal to that of last year—which was a record year.

As elsewhere, the Nova Scotia colleges have smaller attendance on account of so many students having gone to the war.

Among successful Teachers' Institutes held this fall were those at Musquodoboit and Berwick. Inspector Creighton, Halifax, had charge of the former; and Inspector Robinson, Canning, the latter. At both Institutes, school exhibitions were held, so that teachers who had not attempted school gardening could see the possibilities in that line.

Very satisfactory progress has been made this year in school exhibitions. They have increased about 60% over last year.

Mr. A. S. Crockett, New Glasgow, has been appointed by the Industrial and Educational Press, Montreal, to stimulate a greater interest in Technical Education in Nova Scotia.

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## Book Reviews

*Language Teaching in the Grades* by Alice W. Cooley, late Assistant Professor of Education, University of North Dakota. Houghton Mifflin Co. 88 pages. 35c. net. Wm. Briggs, Toronto. This little book is quite modern in spirit. The inseparability of the *thought* and the *expression* in real language teaching is stressed to the utter exclusion of the old formalistic methods. It contains a wealth of practical suggestion, particularly along the line of the relation of literature to language teaching. It is quite the best book that has recently come to hand on this particular phase of elementary education.

F. E. C.

*Reading in the Primary Grades* by Frances Jenkins, assistant editor of the Riverside Readers, formerly supervisor of elementary grades, Decatur, Illinois. Houghton Mifflin Co. 125 pages. Price 60c. Wm. Briggs, Toronto. To those teachers who still make the learning of letters, syllables, phonics, etc., the important function of primary reading, this book has many practical suggestions. It neither over-emphasizes nor underestimates the value of such work but stresses the fact that thought-getting must ever be the central motivating force in learning to read. I recommend the book very strongly to the above class of teachers.

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*English and Commercial Correspondence* by H. Heaton Lawson, M.A. London, Blackie & Son, 1914. Pages 192. Price 1s. 6d. This is a useful book on grammar and composition, designed for commercial classes. It deals very fully with correspondence indexing and précis writing.

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