

IN THE next issue of the REVIEW we shall begin a series of papers on primary work in schools, and trust henceforth to make these columns invaluable to teachers of every grade.

WE ARE indebted for some of the abstracts of the convention proceedings, to the daily press of St. John, especially the *Sun*, which published a very full and accurate summary of the meetings.

A COMPLIMENT to Acadia College from the wise men of the east: At the Science School, in Pictou, the three chief officers of the Nova Scotia Summer School of Science elected, namely, the President, Vice-president and Secretary-Treasurer, are alumni of Acadia.

AS THE circulation of the REVIEW is rapidly increasing we wish to make it the medium of communication between all classes of educational workers. To do this more effectively in future a page will be set apart in which may appear official notices from superintendents, inspectors and other school officers; notices of educational meetings to be held; in addition to other items of interest. We shall take it as a favor if those interested will contribute, and make this page of the REVIEW as full and general as possible.

THE Mt. Allison institutions open August 30th. The attendance of students for the coming year promises to be large. Nothing more fully shows the determination of those to whom is intrusted the welfare and management of these institutions to make them thoroughly progressive than the arrangements that have been made to have certain useful arts included in the curriculum. Rev. Principal Borden, of the Ladies' Academy, has shown that he is desirous of meeting the progressive spirit of the age by incorporating shorthand and typewriting in the college course. In the Male Academy, presided over by Principal Davis, instrumental music, shorthand and typewriting have been added to the course. Meeting the requirements for a broad and liberal education as fully as they do, the Mt. Allison institutions were never so completely equipped as at present.

THIS number of the REVIEW is pretty fully taken up with the report of the proceedings of the late convention. In the September number the admirable address of Dr. J. G. Fitch on "Hand-work and Head-work in the Public Schools" will be given in full, with a digest of the remainder of the proceedings. After that will be published some of the papers read before the sections. Thus we hope to give a full and accurate account of this great meeting. Those who

are not subscribers to the REVIEW would do well to send in their subscriptions at once in order to secure the reading of the excellent and practical addresses given at the convention. It is doubtful whether the proceedings will be published in pamphlet form, and teachers would do well to secure the REVIEW and have it sent regularly to them. A few copies for June and July are still on hand enabling those who wish to begin with number one of the second volume.

THE Nova Scotia Summer School of Science held a most delightful and successful fortnight at Pictou. The attendance all told was nearly double that of the previous year, numbering over eighty. The hospitality of Pictou town was beyond precedent in the history of the school. The first examinations of the school were held here, and the first certificates were granted. We must hold over a fuller report until our next issue. Parrsboro, Cumberland Co., N. S., has been provisionally selected as the locus for next year. The officers for 1889 are: *President*, Professor F. H. Eaton, A. M.; *Vice-president*, Inspector C. W. Roscoe, A. M.; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Professor J. B. Hall, Ph. D.

Eight certificates were granted to those passing in at least three subjects. No student can pass on a knowledge of text-book work alone, however extensive, as it counts generally only about 33 per cent. About 66 per cent is given for the practical or experimental work required. The following are the first certificate winners:

Principal Kennedy, Halifax, (chemistry, mineralogy, geology, physics). Principal King, Wallace, (zoology, botany and chemistry). Principal Porter, Yarmouth, (zoology, botany and mineralogy). Principal Ida Creighton, Halifax, (botany, chemistry, physics). A. J. McKenna, Dartmouth, (chemistry, physics, physiology). J. H. McMillan, Pictou, (chemistry, physics, physiology). Miss M. J. McPhee, Antigonish, (botany, chemistry and physics). A. D. Williams, Goldenville, (mineralogy, physics, physiology).

MR. JUSTIN WOOD, M. P., has offered a prize of \$25.00 for the best essay on the history of eastern Westmorland County. We notice in the closing exercises of the Woodstock schools, prizes were offered for essays on the history of Carleton County. No better plan could be devised for collecting and arranging systematically materials for local history, which in the lapse of time will grow more and more valuable.

THE St. John Shorthand and Typewriting Institute has been incorporated with the Business College. Mr. Kerr is to be congratulated on his enterprise in promoting practical education.