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The article in another column, on Oceanic Phosphorescence, reads like a "fairly tale of science." It has a special interest, as the experiments described there ought to be easily performed by those living near the sea.

INSPECTOR McCORMAC, of P. E. Island, furnishes the REVIEW with a concisely written and interesting sketch of the history of education in that province.

The annual convention of the Protestant teachers of Quebec will be held in Montreal on the 13th, 14th and 15th of October.

The October number of the *New Brunswick Magazine* is at hand as bright and fresh as any of its predecessors. The second paper by Jas. Hannay on Our First Families

is another valuable contribution to our local history. In his fourth paper on At Portland Point, Rev. W. O. Raymond makes a comparison of the times when the Loyalists carved homes for themselves on the rocky hillsides of St. John and the busy scenes of to-day. His language is that of the poet as well as the historian. In this issue we form a better acquaintance, too, with the editor, there being several articles from his pen.

THE Northumberland County Teachers' Institute met at Chatham on Thursday and Friday, September 22nd and 23rd. Inspector Mersereau, who presided, said he "had found teachers more concerned about getting over the quantity of work prescribed for the year than about the development of the pupils' faculties through the medium of that work;" and Dr. Cox, who followed, thought "the evil complained of by the inspector was one that had its roots in the training or lack of training of the teacher, and suggested that it must be grappled with in the Normal School." We expect to have a full report of this institute for our next number. The suggestions thrown out by these leaders should be earnestly grappled with. They furnish a text for something more than discussion.

THE death of Dr. Wells, formerly editor of the *Educational Journal* of Toronto and recently editor of the *Canadian Baptist*, took place at Toronto on the 18th of September. He was a native of Harvey, Albert Co. He graduated from Acadia College in 1860, and devoted nearly twenty years to teaching, seventeen of which were spent as the associate of Dr. Fyfe in the Canadian Literary Institute, now the Woodstock, Ont., Baptist College. The work that he performed as editor of the *Educational Journal* was creditable to him and to Canadian education. The article that he wrote for last month's REVIEW on Moral Training in Schools was probably his last contribution to educational literature. In a letter to the writer he referred feelingly but cheerfully to his impaired health. He retained to the last that spirit and intellectual vigor which always characterized his writings.

The profession of teaching seems to be a kind of waiting room, in which the young girl waits a congenial