

The Johns Hopkins University has just received a bequest of \$100,000 from the late John W. McCoy.

After the 1st of November the academic staffs in Halifax and Pictou will be as follows:

HALIFAX. A. H. MacKay, F. R. S. C., Florence A. Peters, Katherine Mackintosh, Wm. T. Kennedy, N. C. James, B. A., (Toronto), and Howard Murray, B. A., (London).

PICTOU. Robert McLellan, D. M. Sloan, B. A., (Dalhousie), V. G. Frazee, B. A., (Dalhousie), and H. M. MacKay, B. A., (Dalhousie).

The Halifax Ladies' College opened on the 10th September. The new features of the institution are the enlargement of the buildings, the engagement of Miss Howard as the head of the Fine Arts Department, and Miss Edwards of Montreal in the primary department. Music is under the charge of Mr. C. H. Porter.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Principal Calkin, of the Nova Scotia Normal School, is taking a trip through the central provinces of Canada and the United States. He will return before the opening of the school in November.

Rev. James Anderson, M. A., is giving instruction in the Tonic Sol-fa Notation to the teachers of the public school in Pictou and New Glasgow, N. S., and the teachers in attendance at the academy and high school.

Geo. R. Parkin, Esq., who has just completed a very successful tour in Australia, in the interests of imperial federation, was presented with a valuable souvenir on his departure from Melbourne, accompanied with many warm expressions of esteem from leading citizens.

Miss May Kellogg, of Halifax, N. S., and Miss Lucy Murray, of Hampton, N. B., the latter winning a bursary, have matriculated at Dalhousie College. D. M. Robinson, of Sussex, N. B., and James Rankin, of British Columbia, also win bursaries.

Professor Dyde, of the University of New Brunswick, has been appointed to the chair of philosophy in Queens College, Kingston.

QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

S. M. J.—What are these blackish objects about the size of a grain of wheat attached to the leaves of the hop, which have some plant lice on them?

Your specimens are the pupa of the beetle — *Coecimella bipunctata*. Left in the box for a day or two there came out of each one a pretty orange-colored beetle, about the size and shape of a small split pea, and having a black spot on each orange wing cover. It is therefore called the "two-spotted lady bird." Its larva, before shrivelling up into the pupa state, were active in destroying the *hop-aphis* or hop-louse. These "lady bird" beetles are, with scarcely any exception, the useful allies of man.

Elsewhere we give a short illustrated account of this interesting section of the great and general mischievous family of beetles. (Sept. No.)

E. J. L.—Your specimens are the egg cases of a new *Rhizococcus*, and they are infested, fortunately, by a dipterous parasite of the genus *leucopsis*. See note elsewhere (Sept. No.)

A. B. M.—Your specimens are larvæ and cocoons of the Larch Saw-fly. See note elsewhere. (Sept. No.)

B. E. D.—Your specimen is an orchid, namely: *Cypripedium acaule*, the Lady's Slipper.

W. C.—What is the best and cheapest book for a beginner in entomology?

The best one we know to fulfil your conditions is "Entomology for Beginners, for the use of young folks, fruit growers, farmers and gardeners"; by A. S. Packard, M. D., New York; published by Henry Holt & Co., New York. An octavo volume of 367 pages.

Would it be too much to ask the REVIEW to say something on clay modelling?

A couple of short articles are to be found in the December number of the REVIEW, 1888. See other articles in this issue.

THE LAST HARE-BELL.

Pluck the harebell, fading fast,
Little one!
Pluck it, for it blooms the last;
Summer's done.

For the harebell comes in June,
Bright and blue,
Lasts until October's noon,—
Blooms for you.

Graceful harebell, lovely flower,
Though we part,
Come again in Summer's hour,
Cheer my heart.

ELAINE GOODALE.