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With reference to the origin of the familiar expression, "so long," a correspondent of the Academy suggests that it is derived from the Norwegian "Saa Laenge," a common form of farewell, equivalent in meaning to an "au revoir," and pronounced like "so long," with the "g" softened. There was a fair number of Norwegians among the settlers in America, to judge by names, and it is quite likely the phrase was picked up from them. It is in general use among the Dutch in South Africa.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

At the Oxford University freshman sports held last month, four of the events were won by Rhodes scholars from this side of the Atlantic.

A private kindergarten, managed by a committee of ladies, has been opened at Fredericton with two competent teachers in charge, Miss Helen Good, of Woodstock, and Miss Rowley, of Marysville.

Professor Melville Cumming, a native of Nova Scotia, for three and a half years instructor in agriculture at the college at Guelph, Ontario, has been appointed principal of the Nova Scotia School of Agriculture at Truro.

The Carleton County Teachers' Institute will meet in Woodstock, December 22nd and 23rd.

Miss Rosamond Archibald, of Windsor, a graduate of Acadia University, has been appointed head teacher of Horton Collegiate Academy, Wolfville, temporarily vacant by the serious illness of Mr. C. J. Mersereau.

Miss Mina Reade, of Hopewell Cope, formerly teacher of elocution at Acadia Seminary, now a teacher at the Normal school, Truro, has offered her services to the Foreign Missionary Board, and will leave for India in the spring.

The annual Winter Fair for the Maritime Provinces, which is to be held at Amherst, December 12th to 15th inclusive, is an event of great interest and importance to agriculturists. Addresses will be delivered by prominent men from Ontario and the Maritime Provinces.

It has been decided to establish an engineering school in connection with King's College, Windsor, to be located at Sydney and opened next September. The practical advantages which Sydney possesses for such a school make the choice a very fortunate one.

A fine new school building was opened at Great Village, Colchester County, on the eighth of November with appropriate ceremonies. The building is well planned and finished, having modern improvements, with two acres of ground, affording abundant space for school gardens and play grounds. The principal of the school is Mr. G. M. Huggins, an experienced and capable teacher.