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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE next number of the REVIEW—a double one—will be published about the 10th of September.

IN response to pressing requests representing some hundreds of our subscribers, we take up larger than the average space for reference to insects which are at present more or less malevolently disporting themselves among us.

THE 33rd annual session of the institution for the deaf and dumb, Halifax, was closed with public exercises on the 28th ultimo. 331 deaf mutes were admitted during the 33 years. The attendance this year was 59. Written examinations were held, on the results of which prizes and class standing were awarded. Both the sign system and oral teaching are employed. Principal Hutton is assisted by four teachers, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. MacDonald, Miss Mosher and Miss Bateman. The pupils are very expert with the pen, which has to take place of the tongue with them to a very great extent. They are, to a remarkable degree, taught to speak, but as they cannot hear their own speech, it must be with them an exercise

of faith. A forcible contraction of certain muscles of the mouth and throat appears to them to carry in some mysterious, telephonic way, their thoughts to a distant person. The slightest variation in any one of the elements of this, to them, noiseless sound, destroys the magical effect of their throat gymnastics, and the thought is not conveyed. We can understand the reason. Their idea will probably be very different. Let these children of a silent world have an idea of mathematics, history and geography, as well as your language. They have also shown fine specimens of drawing and design, painting in monochrome, modelling in clay, needle-work, etc. In no institution of the kind in the world do we believe better work to be done. Our government has made it a part of the free school system. If any deaf and dumb who have not been educated are known to our readers, a blessing may be invoked on the effort they make in giving the address of such a one to Principal Hutton or the Nova Scotia editor of the REVIEW.

THE conference of the heads of colleges, which was inaugurated at St. John during the Interprovincial convention, was held this year at Halifax, in the library of Dalhousie College. An agreeable feature of this year's meeting was the courtesy extended to its members by the Hon. John F. Stairs. Next year the superintendents of education of the different provinces are to be invited to the conference to discuss fully a uniformity of matriculation standards for the different Atlantic Province colleges.

OUR readers will be pleased to learn that Principal Cameron of Yarmouth, our astronomical editor, was elected a member of the "Astronomical Society of the Pacific" at the meeting of its directors held at the Lick Observatory on May 31st last. At the same meeting other members widely known to the astronomical world were elected, such as Dr. Gill, Astronomer Royal at the Cape of Good Hope; Prof. Prichett of Washington University, St. Louis; and Dr. Kohl of Denmark. The Astronomical Society of the Pacific was founded in February, 1889, stimulated into existence by the great Lick Observatory, perhaps the most remarkable in the world. Those who have assisted in supporting the REVIEW must have no small satisfaction in seeing that in our department of science at least it is winning not only a high character for itself, but no mean credit for our country.