

The graded school at Weymouth Bridge, Digby Co., N. S., has been for the past two and one-half years under the principalship of Mr. Arthur C. Harlow, Class B. The schoolhouse erected about three years ago is one of the most commodious two-department school buildings in Western Nova Scotia. Through the efforts of Principal Harlow, it is well equipped with apparatus for all departments of common and high school work. The walls of both rooms are adorned with a fine collection of the Perry Pictures. A flag and flagstaff have recently been provided, and an electric bell has been placed in position, by means of which signals may be given by the principal to the teacher of the elementary department. Principal Harlow and also Miss Prime, who has taught the elementary department for the past fourteen years, are both deservedly popular in this section.

The school taught by Miss Annie Flaherty in District No. 4, Havelock, Kings County, N. B., recently held a very successful pie social for the purpose of raising funds to purchase a map of the Maritime Provinces, a teacher's desk and other articles for the school. A satisfactory sum was realized. The teacher was aided by the ladies of the district and other friends.

Inspector Mersereau this month will inspect the schools of Alnwick, Northumberland County, thence to the eastern end of Gloucester County, taking the schools along the shore between Miscou and Bathurst.

Inspector Carter will visit the schools in the eastern end of Charlotte County at the beginning of this term.

The new catalogue of Cornell University, shows a total enrolment of 2458, a gain of 218 on last year. It looks as if President Schurman was in favor of expansion at home as well as abroad. The preliminary announcement of the summer session of Cornell for 1901 will be found in our advertising columns. There has been an extension of this work, some eighty-four courses in nineteen departments being offered.

In another column will be found the announcement of the Summer School of Science for the Atlantic Provinces. This year the school meets at Lunenburg, N. S., a charming place to study, amid delightful scenery, fanned by the cool breezes from the Atlantic Ocean.

James Howe, principal of Hampton station superior school for the last year, has resigned to attend the University of New Brunswick.

Jos. Mills, B.A., of the staff of the Moncton grammar school, has been appointed principal of the Charlotte street school, Fredericton, N. B. Donald McLean, B.A., principal of the superior school at Newcastle, succeeds Mr. Mills in Moncton.

Miss Frances B. Hoar has taken charge of the school at Upper Maugerville, Sunbury County. On taking leave of her late school at Germantown, Albert County, the scholars presented her with a beautiful gold brooch.

The annual Rhetorical Exhibition of the Junior Class of the Acadia College took place on the evening of December 18th. As the class is too large in number for all the orations to be delivered in one evening, the faculty, after hearing all members of the class, selected a suitable number for an evening's entertainment. A programme of six orations, interspersed with singing, was very successfully carried out, after which W. K. Haley, of St. John, read an address to the faculty, presenting to them on behalf of the class a handsome quartered-oak library desk. This was followed with addresses by President Trotter, Dr. Eaton, Chairman of the Board Governors, and the Librarian, Prof. E. W. Sawyer.

Wm. Taylor, a teacher for over fifty years, died at Lower Brighton, N. B., December 1st. The deceased was over eighty-three years of age. The *Carleton Sentinel* says of him: "He was in every respect a worthy man; upright, honorable, true and unselfish."

'ROUND TABLE TALKS.

A recent class of graduating teachers told the examiner, with great unanimity, that in teaching the first steps in reading they would write beforehand on the blackboard a sentence, carefully cover it from the class until the proper moment and then uncover it; asking the children to read it as the teacher pointed to the words. A teacher, at an institute, after giving a lesson on reading, said she always wrote the lesson in the presence of the class, and never pointed to the words except to teach them, because if each word is pointed out it results in a droning mechanical reading.

Which is the better plan?

S. A. M.—Who is the author of (a) "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world;" (b) "Virtue is its own reward."

(a) William Ross Wallace in *What Rules the World*.

They say that man is mighty,
He governs land and sea,
He wields a mighty sceptre
O'er lesser powers that be:
But a mightier power and stronger,
Man from his throne has hurled,
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

(b) John Gay, the poet, in his *Epistle to Methuen*; l. 42; the authorship of the line is also ascribed to John Home or Hume in his play of *Douglas*, Act III., Sc. 1, l. 294. "Virtue is her own reward" occurs in Dryden's *Tyrannic Love*, Act II, Sc. 3.

It is next to impossible for a young teacher to succeed who does not do all three of the following things: 1. Visit schools, and observe how others do it. 2. Read the best educational books. 3. Take and read some good educational journal.