

All will regret to learn that Miss Lillie Herrington, one of our most capable teachers, has been forced by ill health to ask the St. John Board for a leave of absence. A rest and a change of climate will no doubt soon restore her.

The great university of Cornell, in New York, presided over by Dr. Schurman, the distinguished and learned P. E. Islander, celebrated its 25th anniversary recently with eminent honors. One of the professors of philosophy there, a very able man, is Dr. J. E. Creighton, formally principal of the North Sydney high school. The law librarian at Cornell is Mr. A. H. R. Fraser, LL. B., a clever Cape Bretonian, noted alike for his erudition and kindly disposition to the students. A number of Nova Scotians are attending Cornell this year, among them Mr. Howard S. Ross, of this town, who is attending the law school -- *North Sydney Herald*.

M. McIntosh, Summerside, P. E. I., is the fortunate winner of a scholarship in classical and modern languages at McGill College.

J. A. Johnston, principal Emerald school, P. E. Island, has gone to McGill University to prosecute his studies.

Mr. A. D. Fraser, a teacher of much experience, has been appointed principal of the Murray Harbor South, P. E. I., school. Mr. Fraser is Grand Secretary for P. E. I. of the Independent Order of Good Templars. Officials of the order will note his change of address.

The new school near Grand River Bridge, P. E. I., was recently opened. This new district will be known as Riverside. After considerable effort on the part of the people of that new district, the school-house has been finished, and is a neat and comfortable structure. Miss Cairns is the teacher.

In Charlottetown, P. E. I., the police are lending the teachers a helping hand in looking after the truants. Valuable assistance can be given by these officials in towns where truant officers are not employed.

Miss Annie D. Robb, teacher at Musquash, St. John Co., has added twenty-five volumes to her library.

Through the efforts of the teacher, Miss Susie Calder, the school at Dumbarton, Charlotte County, now possesses a very fine flag.

By means of a school entertainment Miss Flora Levar, teacher on Valley Road, Charlotte County, has been able to raise enough money to neatly paint the school-house in that district.

By means of a school picnic the people of Little Ridge, Charlotte County, have been able to newly furnish their school-house and purchase a flag.

Mr. G. W. Ganong, a former teacher and now one of the most successful and capable business men in the province, gave an excellent practical address at the Institute held in Charlotte County.

Mr. W. J. O'Donnell, medallist in teaching, Prince of Wales College, has been appointed to Grade VI, Davies school, Summerside, P. E. I. Miss Alice Brehaut to Grade IV of the same school.

Joseph Silas Baslie, all the way from Baalbeck, Arabia, has been admitted a pupil in one of the Charlottetown, P. E. I., public schools.

Mr. A. C. McMillan, teacher from Wood Islands, is spending a vacation in Boston, where he purposes seeing something of the working of the schools at the *hub*.

Miss Essie Mersereau, the popular teacher at Doaktown Village, is preparing her pupils for an entertainment on the evening of Thanksgiving Day. The proceeds are to be used to start a library. We wish her every success.

H. Johnston, Esq., B. A., principal of Bathurst grammar school, has already won the confidence of both parties by his gentlemanly bearing to all and his devotion to duty.

On the evening of Thursday, October 26th, Inspector Mersereau held a public meeting in the new school-house at Nipisiquit Bridge, near Bathurst. It was to inquire into the facts of a complaint against the proceedings of the late annual meeting. The proceedings were quite lively, statements flatly contradictory, and the inspector probably found it very difficult to decide as to the facts of the case in dispute.

The teachers of Charlottetown, P. E. I., have re-organized their Institute for 1893-94. This season they purpose studying psychology and physiology. Dr. Dorsey has consented to give some talks on psychology, and Prof. Robertson, of Prince of Wales College, to assist in psychology. Clark Murray's work on psychology will be the text-book.

Wm. M. Curtis, son of J. T. Curtis, Esq., of Her Majesty's customs, Charlottetown, has successfully graduated at the Ohio Normal University in pharmacy.

Mr. F. M. Murphy, B. A., Ph. M., of St. Dunstan's College, Charlottetown, P. E. I., has gone to Rome, where he intends taking a course in theology. Mr. Murphy has in the past proved himself a brilliant student. We wish him every success in the eternal city.

BOOK REVIEWS.

PROGRESSIVE FRENCH READER: Part II, containing selected pieces, questions, notes and vocabulary. Edited by H. H. Curtis and L. R. Gregor, B. A.: Montreal: William Drysdale & Co., 1893.

This is a series of selections by a master in the Montreal high school and a lecturer in McGill University. Colleges and schools seem now-a-days often to desire to have text-books by their own teachers. Perhaps they are to be excused. Perhaps, too, Canadians may legitimately desire to have text-books of their own in Canada. Otherwise, this fairly got up and fairly printed fifty cent book has no *raison d'être*.

Are extracts desirable at all, one may ask. Is it better to begin with some complete book? That is a question. But