

tory of Education," a work for which his accurate knowledge, critical insight, and deep interest in educational problems pre-eminently fitted him. He was a frequent contributor to reviews and the leading educational journals, but he is best known to students by his "Essays on Educational Reformers," a work which was published in 1868, and for a time almost neglected, but which has since steadily increased in repute and influence. It was reprinted and largely used in America, where it has become a text-book in training colleges for teachers; and it is now the chief recognised authority as a history of educational ideas and methods. Since his resignation of the vicarage of Sedberg, Mr. Quick has been living in retirement at Redhill, and the last few months of his life were chiefly occupied in the task of revising and re-writing this work, of which a new and much enlarged edition has recently appeared.

—A singular experiment recently took place in Palestine to test the accuracy of Dr. Colenso's statement that the people of Israel assembled in the valley between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim could not hear the curses and blessings delivered from the heights above them. A party was travelling in the neighbourhood of these mountains, and two Scotchmen ascended Mount Ebal and two Welshmen Mount Gerizim, while the rest of the party remained in the valley. One of the Scotchmen read the curses, and from the opposite mountain a Welshman read the blessings. Both were easily heard below, where the party added the *amens*. Both readers were perched upon the natural platforms near the summits.

Literature, Historical Notes, etc.

—The following historical reference in connection with the McGill Normal School is worth preserving, and we trust it will induce some of those connected with the institution to make the account even more complete:—

"Opened in 1857, the history of McGill Normal School is virtually the history of Protestant common school education in Montreal, and for some hundreds of miles around it since that time, now precisely 34 years one and a half months ago. Its usefulness has steadily increased with the years. Interest in its history has as steadily increased with lapse of time; and, well as that history may have been from time to time written in words, it is safe to say that far more indelibly is it written in its benefits to the Province, in its splendid array of teacher graduates who, holding its diplomas, have gone forth to practically educate, train