

in the study of theoretical geometry, the construction of the figures will present no difficulty. The plan of the book is good and, if well carried out by the thoughtful teacher, should be found most valuable in the class-room.

HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY OF GREECE AND ROME, by W. J. Robertson, LL.B., and John Henderson, M.A., and published by the Copp, Clark Company, Toronto. At first sight, the book seems rather voluminous for the purpose for which it is intended; but, on closer inspection, taking into account the ground that has to be covered, one is more apt to congratulate the authors on the success which has attended their efforts to give a concise and yet connected history of the two nations, a history suitable in every way for use in the school. The book is well arranged, with side and foot notes, and excellent maps engraved expressly for this work. The price of the book is only seventy-five cents, though it contains over five hundred pages.

### Official Department.

McGILL NORMAL SCHOOL,

Montreal, August 27th, 1896.

On which day a special meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction was held.

Present:—R. W. Heneker, Esq., D.C.L., LL.D., in the chair; the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, M.A., D.C.L.; George L. Masten, Esq.; the Rev. Principal Shaw, LL.D., D.D.; A. Cameron, Esq., M.D.; Prof. A. W. Kneeland, M.A.; E. J. Hemming, Esq., D.C.L., Q.C.; the Very Rev. Dean Norman, D.D., D.C.L.; Peter McArthur, Esq.; the Rev. E. I. Rexford, B.A.; N. T. Truell, Esq.; Principal S. P. Robins, LL.D.

The secretary read the notice calling the special meeting for the consideration of the school law and of the proposed amendments thereto. It was then agreed to take up *seriatim* the sections of the confidential memorandum that had been prepared by the Chairman. After discussion the memorandum was passed in the following form as resolutions of the committee :—