

manding position giving a magnificent view of one of the most beautiful of landscapes in Nova Scotia. Addresses were made at the opening by Superintendent of Education, Dr. A. H. MacKay, Warden Kennedy, M. P. P., of the County and others. The Inspector of the County, W. R. Campbell, the school board and ratepayers were warmly congratulated on the improvement made on the previous conditions.

The work of the institute held on the two following days was most satisfactory, being specially suited to the needs of the younger and untrained teachers. The presence of the two inspectors, W. R. Campbell and Inglis C. Craig, and some of the ablest teachers of the two inspectorates to assist in conducting the work made it one of the most useful institutes ever held in that part of Nova Scotia.

RECENT BOOKS.

In Lt. Col. W. H. Turton's book, entitled *The Truth of Christianity*, we have a valuable contribution upon the subject of Christian evidences. It is a concise and masterly summary of all the important arguments in support of the Christian religion. It is teeming with accurate knowledge gathered from the fields of science, history, philosophy and theology. The writer believes in evolution, but of a theistic type. He regards evolution not as a *cause*, but as a *method* of creation. In support of Christianity he cites the argument from miracles, from prophecy, from the character of Christ, and from history, all of which mutually support one another. The writer, who is a layman, displays remarkable facility of expression and his conclusions are drawn with admirable skill and logical precision. The whole is a beautiful harmonization of science and religion. It is a tonic to faith. (Cloth, pages 604. Wells Gardner, Darton & Co., Ltd. 3 Paternoster Buildings, London, E. C.)—F. S. P.

Another of that delightful series, "Peeps at Great Industries," has been published, entitled *Tea*, by Edith A. Browne. The volume gives an exceedingly interesting account of the growth and cultivation of tea, followed by a description of the picking and exportation. A number of instructive photographs are used as illustrations. The book is concisely written and cannot fail to be of interest to young people. (Cloth, pages 88, price 1s. 6d. Adam and Charles Black, Soho Square, London, W.)

Volume V. of the *Historical and Other Papers and Documents*, illustrative of the educational system of Ontario, 1842-1861, by that industrious compiler, Dr. J. Geo. Hodgins, contains a number of the Rev. Dr. Ryerson's annual reports, which are remarkable for their full and varied information on the educational events of the times.

In *The Fundamentals of Psychology*, by Benjamin Dumville, M.A. (Lond.), F. C. P., we have a brief account of the nature and development of those mental processes which underlie education. It is conceded that some study of the mental processes of the child is necessary by all those who aspire to educate. The excellence of this book, especially for the young teacher, consists in its close touch with his school work and its clear exposition of the many different problems that arise in his everyday experience. The book, though concise, aims to be thorough, and the student who reads it carefully and reflects upon it, should have some real knowledge

of the minds and dispositions of children. (Cloth, pages 382, price 4s 6d. The University Tutorial Press, 25 High Street, London, W. C.)

Education: The Old and New. In this book is embraced the views and experience of a teacher whose portrait is given in the frontispiece at seventy-nine years of age, after the experience of half a century as "one not injured by school work. Reason—the use of systematic physical culture—work on the farm." The book is largely made up of personal experiences and methods which the author has found to work out well in his school life, with quotations from books, especially Page's "Theory and Practice of Teaching," which have been useful guides to him. (Cloth, pages 299, price, \$1.00. Published by the author, William P. Hastings, Battle Creek, Michigan.)

Egerton Ryerson and Education in Upper Canada. Education and school legislation in Ontario are so inseparably bound up with the name of Egerton Ryerson that to give the work of his active life is to give a record of educational development and progress in that province. This record has been very successfully accomplished by Mr. J. Harold Putnam, inspector of Public Schools, Ottawa, and is a work that will find many readers, especially those who would acquire a fuller knowledge of the educational institutions of Ontario. (Cloth, pages 270. Wm. Briggs, Toronto.)

There is so much beauty and vigor in the old English ballads and there are so many qualities in them that appeal to child nature, that they should be called more into use in our schools. In Long's *English Ballads*, selected and arranged for elementary schools, the historical setting has been given so that the child may read intelligently and enjoy these brave old stories in which heroic actions make their appeal to him. (Cloth, pages 146, D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.)

Visual Geography. This is a practical pictorial method of teaching geography to very young children. By means of simple pictures this little book, the price of which is only sixpence, brings before the child conceptions of sea and land, animals and plants, etc., to develop the child's "geographical imagination." This book will interest children and will cultivate the power of drawing and "thinking in shapes." (A. & C. Black, 4 Soho Square, London, W.)

LATE MAGAZINES.

The first issue of the *Normal College Gazette*, (November), published by the Student's Institute in connection with the Normal College, Truro, N. S., presents a very creditable appearance. It has many original articles and notes which make up an interesting and readable college paper.

The Christmas number of the *Canadian Magazine* is filled with interesting reading matter and is beautiful in illustrations. The cover decoration is a charming bit of painting.

The *Century* for December in color designs, stories, literature on Christmas and general attractiveness makes a fine holiday number.

St. Nicholas in its Christmas number maintains its reputation as the best magazine for boys and girls. No more appropriate Christmas present could be thought of for them.

The *Youth's Companion* brings a pleasure every week to the family in which it enters. For clubbing terms see the November EDUCATIONAL REVIEW.