

Dr. T. H. Rand, who has been spending a year in England and Germany, has returned to McMaster University.

Rev. Dr. Goodspeed has retired from the editorial management of the *Visitor and Messenger*, and has accepted the chair of Apologetics in McMaster University.

Dr. Ryan, of the Montreal High School, spent his vacation in Nova Scotia, visiting St. John the last week in August on his way home.

Geo. H. Croscup, Esq., formerly of the model school, Fredericton, but who has been residing in New Jersey for the past six years, visited the Provinces in August with his family.

Rev. Dr. McLeod of Fredericton, having resigned his pastorate, will give his attention more entirely to the *Religious Intelligencer*, which he has so ably edited for many years.

#### QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

1. What zoological atlas was used at the Summer School of Science?

(1). *The Biological Atlas*, by McAlpine, royal quarto (eight and one half inches by ten and one half inches.) Twenty-four colored plates (eight on plant life, nine on invertebrates, and seven on vertebrates. Price 7s. 6d. (2). *The Zoological Atlas, Part I.—Vertebrata*, by McAlpine, Imperial quarto (fourteen and one-half inches by ten and one half inches), twenty-four full colored plates. Price 10s. 6d. And *Part II.—Invertebrata*, Imperial quarto, sixteen full colored plates. Price 7s. 6d. All published by W. & A. K. Johnston, Edinburgh and London.

2. What is the best book for a beginner in entomology—the one mentioned as such at the Nova Scotia Summer School of Science?

*Entomology for Beginners*, for the use of young folks, fruit growers, farmers and gardeners, by Packard, cloth, about seven inches by five, pages xvi. and 367. Price not quoted, perhaps \$1.50. Published by Henry Holt & Company, New York.

#### Literary and Scientific Announcements.

Ginn & Co., Boston, announce a second volume of "Open Sesame", a collection of prose and verse, to be ready in September.

The New England Magazine, Boston, is publishing a series of articles on Educational Leaders and Institutions. Horace Mann was the subject for August.

D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, will publish a Brief Course in the Elements of Chemistry, by Jas. H. Shepard, Professor

of Chemistry, and Chemist to the United States Experiment Station.

A Special School Issue of *Architecture and Building*, published by W. T. Comstock, 23 Warren Street, N. Y., will be brought out on the first Saturday of October. It will be sold at fifty cents, and will contain designs and descriptions of school houses from the smallest district school house, costing \$500, to the largest and most elaborately planned academies.

Ginn & Co., Boston, will publish early in autumn, a Synopsis of English and American Literature, to contain in small compass the most important facts of English and American writers, from the Celtic Bards to the present time. The same firm also announces the publication in August or September, of Shelley's "Defence of Poetry", by Professor Cook of Yale College.

D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, will issue shortly Anatole France's "Abeille," De Vigny's "Laurette, ou Le Cachet Rouge." Selections for German Composition, with notes and vocabulary, and a new number in the series of *Guides for Science Teaching*, entitled *Insecta*, written by Prof. Hyatt, Curator of the Natural History Society.

Ginn & Co., Boston, will publish in September, Selections in English prose from Elizabeth to Victoria; also Allen & Greenough's Ovid, revised addition.

#### BOOK REVIEWS.

SHAKESPEARE'S *MERCHANT OF VENICE*; *JULIUS CÆSAR*; with introduction and notes, by K. Deighton. London: MacMillan & Co.; and New York. These two volumes are the latest in the Shakespeare series published by MacMillan & Co. In addition to their excellent mechanical appearance and finish, the student will find the notes very full and valuable, with numerous references to Abbot's Shakespearean Grammar.

THE LEADING FACTS OF AMERICAN HISTORY, by D. H. Montgomery, with numerous illustrations, maps and tables. Mailing price, \$1 10. REFERENCE HAND BOOK, for students of English History, by E. H. Gurney. Mailing price, 85 cents. Publishers: Ginn & Co., Boston. The first of these books aims to present the leading facts of American history, from its discovery up to the present year, in a clear, connected and forcible manner. Although this is done within the compass of about 400 pages, no important fact appears to be sacrificed. The style is admirable, and students who have read many books on American history will read this with all the avidity of a beginner, so fresh and sparkling with interest is the narrative. The second book named above should be in every student's library. It gives the descent of the kings and nobility of England.

#### PRIZE ESSAY OF AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

—We have before called the attention of our readers to the essays of the American public health association. They have been written by authors of well-known ability, with the special design of helping persons of moderate or small means in the management of their households. The last essay has been received—Practical sanitary and economic