

of all the help that has been sent or will be sent from Canada and other lands.

Two great turbine ships for the Cunard Line, one now building in Scotland and one in England, will soon be launched, and will be the largest and fastest passenger ships in the world. One hundred and ninety-two furnaces will consume the fuel to drive one of these ships at a speed of thirty miles an hour, and the ocean voyage will be shortened to four days from New York to Queenstown, if present expectations can be realized.

The Moroccan conference is still in session, with hopes of an ultimate agreement that will provide for the control of Moroccan affairs without endangering the peace of Europe.

Ras Makonnen is dead. He was the strongest and best known of the subordinate rulers of Abyssinia, and the probable successor of King Menelek.

Chinese unrest is still a source of anxiety to all the western world. The feeling against foreigners extends to hatred of the ruling dynasty, for the Manchu rulers have always been regarded as foreigners by the Chinese proper since they first came as conquerors in 1644. Only their good government, according to Chinese standards, has enabled them to keep the throne.

The King's nephew, Prince Arthur of Connaught, passing through Canada on his return from Japan, has now begun a six weeks' tour of the Dominion. He will be in the Atlantic Provinces at the end of this month.

There is still fierce fighting in the Philippines. Like the Dutch war against the natives of Sumatra, the war of the United States forces against their unwilling Malay subjects seems to be endless. Complete subjugation by force is impossible, owing to the nature of the country, and peace without it is very improbable.

School and College.

Dr. Trotter, the energetic president of Acadia University, has secured from Andrew Carnegie the promise of a gift of \$30,000, for the erection of a new science building. Whenever the one hundred thousand dollars contributed by the people towards the second forward movement is in hand, in the form of "cash or realizable securities," Mr. Carnegie will make good his promise. This with the \$100,000 to be paid by Rockefeller, as a supplement to the people's contribution, should place Acadia in a good financial position. Dr. Trotter visited New York in May last and preferred his request, with the consent of the Rockefellers, to the secretary of Mr. Carnegie. That this was not granted until ten months after may give some idea of the number of similar requests that had to be passed upon in the intervening time.

Miss Muriel Carr, daughter of Mrs. John deSoyres, of St. John, N. B., has recently won a scholarship at Radcliffe Ladies' College, Cambridge, Mass., which entitles her to a course of study at an English, German or French university. Miss Carr's choice will probably be Oxford, where she will have an opportunity to complete a course of study that has been unusually brilliant.

Mr. N. H. Gardner, of the Halifax mechanic science school, has tendered his resignation to take effect on May 1st. Mr. Chas. W. Parker, who for two years has been principal of the Granville Ferry schools, N. S., where he

carried on a class of card-board construction work, has been appointed by the board in Mr. Gardner's place.

Miss Margaret Kerr of Bocabec, Charlotte County, has been appointed to a scholarship at Guelph, on the recommendation of Inspector Carter.

Book Reviews

MECHANICAL DRAWING. By S. A. Morton M. A. Teacher of Mathematics in Halifax Academy. Cloth. Pages 110. T. C. Allen & Company, Halifax, N. S.

This excellent little manual is divided into two parts—part one being intended for grades seven and eight, and parts two for grades nine and ten, while a chapter is added for the use of manual training students only. The constructions are of an elementary nature and are derived chiefly from the first book of Euclid. The aim of the book is thoroughly practical, being designed to serve as an introduction to the study of geometry and manual training exercises.

THE NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL DRAWING COURSE for Canadian Schools. Books 1 and 2. Price 10c. each postpaid. The Canada Publishing Company, Toronto.

The models in these books are such as any pupil in the intermediate grades should be able to study and then form outlines of similar objects that have come under his own observation. This is the object of the books,—not for the pupil to copy the model drawings, but to use them intelligently so as to be able to outline correctly the things that he sees like them. If used in this way the books cannot fail with a judicious teacher to lay a good foundation in drawing.

HOW WE ARE SHELTERED: A Geographical Reader. By J. F. Chamberlain, Ed. B., S. B., State Normal School, Los Angeles, Cal. Cloth. Pages 184. Price 40 cents. The Macmillan Company, New York. G. N. Morang & Co., Toronto.

The author very properly takes his starting point in the study of geography from the home surroundings and relations. He shows in a series of lessons the homes of different peoples and how they are constructed, how food and clothing are obtained, with the incidental features of communication and transportation. Thus the child is taught how his own welfare and happiness depend on the labour and thought of others, and he realizes that he in turn should contribute to the benefit of those about him,—thus making the study of geography an aid to the formation of character. The book is attractively illustrated.

PRACTICAL AND THEORETICAL GEOMETRY. Part II. By A. H. McDougall, B. A., Principal of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute. Cloth. Pages 154. Price 50 cents. The Copp Clark Company, Toronto.

This is an excellent supplement to the introductory course in geometry given in part I. It is intended for high schools and academies. The same accuracy and thoroughness characterizes its demonstrations and experimental work as in Part I. The author appears to have a genius for clearness and directness of expression; and the discrimination he has shown in the selection and working up of his material cannot fail to be appreciated by teachers and students.