

AMONG THE ACADEMIES.

Secretary Wilson, of the Halifax School Commissioners, reported at the last meeting of the board that he went to Springhill to obtain a collection of fossils, which were to be obtained there for the Halifax Academy. He was introduced to underground Manager Henry Swift, and from him obtained a beautiful collection, consisting of about sixty specimens. The collection was on view on the table, at the meeting, and comprises particularly good specimens of neuropteris and other ferns. Also, clamaïtes, sigillariæ, stigmariæ, lepidodendra, sphenophylla, asterophyllites, cordaites and various other grasses, and a transverse section of a tree, lepidodendron, two feet in diameter.

We have received the "Programa para 1889 (Calendar for 1889) of the "Institute Internacional," Santiago, Chili. It is a large sized, closely printed pamphlet of about forty pages. It has a very fine frontispiece photo-engraving of the staff of eight professors. Their names are given on the opposite page, as follows, under the heading, "Cuerpo de Profesores": Sr. Gmo. Sluyter, de la Universidad de Halle, Alemania; Dr. Frederico Schneider, de la Universidad de Halle, Alemania; Dr. Alberto Meyer, da la Universidad de Marburg, Alemania; Sr. Don Antoni Diaz, da la Universidad de Madrid, Espana; Sr. Don Archibald Troop, Academia Pictou, Nova Scotia; Sr. Don Enrique Fahienbuhler, Ecole Normal, Neuchatel, Suiza; Sr. Don S. J. Christen, Director. Sr. Don Archibald Troop is a native of Bridgetown, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia.

The town of Truro, N. S., is about to proceed with the erection of a new academy. The building will contain four class-rooms with assembly hall, laboratory, museum, gymnasium and other necessary equipments. Last year they added a third teacher to their regular academy staff, as well as a teacher of music and elocution.

A strong appeal is made on behalf of the Ladies College at Halifax. Educationally and financially it has been most successful, but increased accommodation is needed, and to secure this the sum of \$18,000 is required for a new building, the erection of which should be commenced without delay. The Rev. Robt. Laing has issued a circular appealing to the Presbyterians of the Atlantic provinces for subscriptions in aid of the undertaking.

We do not always get what we reach out for; but something falls to us by the effort we make that works for our want and gives us strength.

QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

Questions and Answers.

SUBSCRIBER, Shelburne Co., N. S.—1. Can I obtain nine numbers of the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW, viz.: Numbers two to ten inclusive, of Volume I., and at what cost? I am anxious to have your valuable paper from the beginning.

2. How and at what time did Great Britain get possession of Bermuda?

3. What is the correct pronunciation of "scinef?"

ANS.—1. We regret that we have not a single copy of the REVIEW for August, 1887, and for March and April, 1888, and only three copies each of November, 1887, and January and February, 1888. We will allow a year's subscription to any subscriber sending us these six numbers.

2. The Bermudas—the "still vexed Bermoothes" referred to in Shakespeare's "Tempest"—said to consist of 365 small islands, were first settled by the English under a charter from James I., and a regular government was established there in 1640. So the English came into possession by priority of settlement and have retained the islands ever since.

3. Like the word "seen."

LITERARY NOTES.

PROF. JOSIAH P. COOKE, of Harvard, will contribute to *The Popular Science Monthly* for April an article on "The Chemical Elements," telling the story of the changing beliefs about what substances are made of, from the time when earth, water, air, and fire were thought to be the elements of all things, down to the present day, with its list of over seventy simple substances, and when the idea is gaining ground that perhaps there is only one kind of matter after all.

D. C. Heath & Co., will publish this week, in their series of *Guides for Science Teaching*, *Hints for Teachers of Physiology*, by Dr. Henry P. Bowditch, of the Harvard Medical School. It will show how a teacher may supplement his text-book instruction by simple observations and by experiments on living bodies or on organic material.

BOOK REVIEWS.

THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF CHILDHOOD, by Bernard Perez, edited and translated by Alice M. Christie, with an introduction by James Sully, M. A., author of "Teachers' Handbook of Psychology," etc. (New York and Chicago: E. L. Kellogg & Co., 1888. \$1.25).

This is a neat volume of some 300 pages, presenting the usual typographical excellence of the work of the publishers. The subject is one of surpassing interest; not only to the parent but to those brought up in the family with younger children. It reveals a world of order in the curious and purposeless incidents of child-life; it makes the brick and rubble of commonplace experience burst into the refulgence of sunlit masses of crystallized law. The intelligent mother, the father, the kindergartner, the primary teacher—in fact