

hundred years. The silver coins are of very pure silver, and are struck in such high relief that only two or three could be piled up without tumbling over.

It is said that three-fourths of the world's mail matter is addressed in English; and half of the world's newspapers are printed in the English language.

The one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of representative government in Nova Scotia occurs this year, and it is proposed to recognize it by a suitable celebration at Halifax.

#### Plant Shrubs Also.

Here is another bit of advice for Arbor Day; do not merely plant trees, but shrubs as well. A good shrub or brush is better than a poor tree. In some places a shrub is better than any tree.

Beautifying results are more quickly obtained with shrubs than with trees, and some of them have long and lovely lives. Here, again, we have, native to our soil, growths which are as satisfactory as any foreign bush.

Our cornels or dogwood—and it should be remembered, by the way, that there is no such thing as a poisonous cornel—our viburnums, our sumacs, our elders, our azaleas, rhododendrons, and roses, with a score of other native shrubs, make up a list of beautiful bushes well calculated to embellish any schoolyard, wayside or park.—*Selected.*

#### SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

The Cumberland, N. S., County Teachers' Institute will meet at Pugwash on the 15th and 16th of April.

The Teachers' Institute for Inspectoral Division Number Four (Digby and Annapolis Counties, N. S.) will be held at Bridgetown on Wednesday and Thursday, April 15th and 16th. A public meeting or a meeting of the Institute will be held on Wednesday evening.

Rev. Howard Sprague, D.D., pastor of the Centenary church, St. John, N. B., has been appointed dean of the Theological Faculty of Mt. Allison University, Sackville, in place of Rev. Dr. Paisley, recently deceased. Dr. Sprague graduated from Mt. Allison in 1863. His oratorical and scholarly gifts make him pre-eminently fitted for the position.

Rev. F. W. W. DesBarres, a graduate of Mt. Allison in 1882, and at present pursuing his theological studies at Oxford University, has been appointed to the chair of Bible study at Mt. Allison, the appointment to take effect at the close of his term at Oxford.

Principal Geo. J. Trueman, of the Riverside, N. B., consolidated school, has been appointed head of the Wesleyan College at Stanstead, Quebec, in place of Dr. C. R. Flanders, who again resumes his work of the ministry.

The library of Lunenburg, N. S., Academy has recently been enlarged by the addition of \$300 worth of books, including the new Encyclopedia Americana.

#### RECENT BOOKS.

Messrs. Ginn & Company, Boston, in their *New Educational Music Course*, consisting of five books, have surpassed in completeness and arrangement all their previous efforts in providing music for schools. The ends kept in view throughout this admirable course are threefold,—to gain for every child a working knowledge of music principles, an intelligent grasp and appreciation of music, and an acquaintance with the masters of music. Surely we ought to be able to accomplish such results in the ordinary life time of most children at school under adequate instruction and supervision. The publishers have done their part in producing a wonderfully excellent combination of good music and poetry, together with a carefully graded course in vocal music. The First Reader (price 30 cents) provides study for the third and fourth grades, assuming that the pupils have had experience in rote singing. It is also well adapted for use in ungraded schools. The Second Reader (30 cents) is for the fifth grade scholars, the Third (35 cents) for sixth grade, the Fourth (40 cents) for seventh, or combined seventh and eighth grades, and the Fifth (50 cents) for the eighth and ninth grades. The five books of the course contain the best in all music, and are certainly a great advance over all earlier school music books. Their usefulness is not confined to the school. Musicians who are looking for artistic song material will gladly avail themselves of the books of this series.

Ninety lessons, constituting a year's course, are contained in the *Laboratory Lessons in Physical Geography* (paper, pages 189, price 56 cents). There are well selected topographical maps for the study of drainage, land and coast forms. Simple lessons are outlined for the study of light, heat, evaporation, humidity, air pressure, etc. Cross section paper and map blanks are provided for the student. (The American Book Company, New York. Morang Educational Company, Toronto).

*Burnet's Laboratory Manual of Zoology* (cloth, pages 112, price 50 cents) is a simple, yet comprehensive, course in laboratory work, suitable for secondary schools. The experiments take up the study of thirty-two typical specimens, which should be easily obtainable in any locality. The instruction is aided by the use of such questions and suggestions as will lead the student to examine the specimens with special reference to the important points, and to draw correct deductions from his observations. (The American Book Company, New York. Morang Educational Company, Toronto).

*Tuckerman's Reader of French Pronunciation* (cloth, 128 pages, price 50 cents) is a simple and very rapid method of teaching French pronunciation, which can also be used as a first reading book. The first exercise may be read with ease by the beginner, the second introduces only one new difficulty, the third another, and so on until in the fifty lessons all the sounds have been explained and practised. The vocabulary contains every form occurring in the text. Reading material on a variety of practical topics completes the book. (The American Book Company, New York. Morang Educational Company, Toronto).