

has been filled by Miss Etta M. Elliott, who also has the reputation of being an efficient teacher.

As before reported in these columns, Middleton, Annapolis County, has been chosen as the site for the school to be established in Nova Scotia as an object lesson for that province by means of funds appropriated for the purpose by Sir Wm. C. MacDonald. Seven adjoining sections have united with Middleton. Plans are now being prepared for the new school building for the united section, and work will be commenced on the same immediately. The old school building will not be used in connection with the new school. Prof. Robertson, who has the matter in charge for Sir Wm. C. MacDonald, is determined to make this scheme a success, and funds will not be wanting to accomplish this object.

Rural school gardens are to be established at five centres in the County of Colchester, N. S., under the inspection of Mr. Percy J. Shaw, who is now studying at Cornell University. Prof. Robertson, of Ottawa, in an address last month at Truro, named the sections which had been chosen under Sir Wm. MacDonald's scheme for these rural schools which are to be placed at Belmont, Bible Hill, Old Barns, and Brookfield. The locality for the fifth has not yet been chosen. There is much enthusiasm in the county in regard to these schools, which are similar to those which will be started in Carleton County, N. B., with Mr. John Brittain as inspector.

The following changes have been made in the Yarmouth, N. S., schools: Mr. W. F. Kempton takes the place of the late Principal Cameron as principal of the Academy, and Mr. Bingay takes charge of Mr. Kempton's school, until the end of the term. Mr. Judson Moses, of Hebron, has been appointed in Mr. Bingay's room in the Seminary.

Miss Harriette Bolt, teacher of the Mascarene school, St. George, N. B., recently held a social, at which \$22 was realized towards paying the cost of introducing manual training into her school.

Through the efforts of Miss Ruth L. Reid, principal of the Superior School at Centreville, Carleton County, and Miss Blanche Ebbett, the teacher of the primary department, the sum of \$30 has been raised, which will be expended in the purchase of a flag and school apparatus. A Teachers' Club was organized recently at Centreville. Miss Blanche Ebbett was elected secretary.

Miss Vernia R. Perkins, the teacher at Debec, Carleton County, has succeeded in raising eleven dollars for the purchase of chemical apparatus.

The Canadian teachers who have been preparing to take charge of the work in the consolidated and rural schools to be established by Sir W. C. MacDonald and Professor Robertson, have left Cornell for Columbia College, New York, where they will take a special course in the Teachers' College, to last six or seven weeks. They have been at Cornell for the past two months, and will finish their course in the Agricultural College at Guelph, Ontario.

In the severe epidemic of typhoid fever that has prevailed at Cornell University, sixteen students have died, and many others are sick. Among the latter is Mr. J. W. Hotson, M. A., one of the Canadian party of students. He left for his home in Ontario after the symptoms became evident.

At the concert and pie social recently held at Barnesville, Arthur E. Floyd, teacher, the sum of \$31.50 was realized, which has been used to purchase blinds, maps, a new teacher's table and other much-needed school furnishings.

### RECENT BOOKS.

SHAKESPEARE'S *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Edited by Laura E. Rockwood, Ph. D. Paper. Pages 100. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

This edition of the *Dream* is from the Riverside Literature Series, and contains an introduction, notes at the foot of the page, and a study of the play.

THE SPRAGUE CLASSIC READERS. Book I: A Primer. By Sarah E. Sprague, Ph. D. Cloth. Pages 112. Illustrated. American Book Company, New York.

This is a very attractive reader for the little people, and there is considerable skill and good taste displayed in the material and illustrations. It is carefully graded, and the subjects of each chapter are full of interest and designed to awaken thought. The book is an initial volume of a series of five, and an excellent beginning has been made.

PRACTICAL EXERCISES IN GEOMETRY. By W. E. Eggar. Cloth. Pages 287. Price 2s. 6d. THEORETICAL GEOMETRY FOR BEGINNERS. By C. H. Allcock. Cloth. Pages 135. Price 1s. 6d. Macmillan & Co., London.

The first named book is an attempt to adopt the experimental method to the teaching of geometry in schools. The main object is to make the student think for himself, to give him something to do with his hands, for which the brain must be called in as a fellow-worker. It is the laboratory method applied to the mathematical class-room. The second book contains the substance of the first book of Euclid, with the order of the propositions and the proofs in many cases different from his. Several additional propositions have been added.

PRACTICAL EXERCISES IN LIGHT. By Reginald S. Clay, B.A. (Cantab.), D.Sc. (Lond.) Cloth. Pages 187. Price 2s. 6d. Macmillan & Co., London.

A series of very interesting practical exercises in Light, well arranged and illustrated, the apparatus, with a single exception, being of the simplest description and such as can be prepared by teachers and pupils.

CORNELLE'S *Cinna*. Edited with introduction and notes. By John E. Matzke, Ph. D. Cloth. Pages 128. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.

In his preface the editor says that his purpose has been to treat this play as a piece of literature. The introduction

THE CUCKOO CLOCK. By Mrs. Molesworth. Cloth. Pages 126. Price 1s. Macmillan & Co., London.

An entertaining story, appealing to the imagination, told by one who is in sympathy with children.