

The committee of the provincial educational association deputed to consider further the subject of a uniform course of study for high schools and high school departments, also met at Halifax on the 3rd and 4th ult. Several members of the committee were unable to be present. The following were in attendance: The principal and professor of the provincial normal school, the mathematical and English masters of the Halifax high school, principal McKay of Picton academy, inspectors Roscoe and McKenzie, and Messrs. Denton, Owen and Lay, principals of the county academies at Kentville, Lunenburg, and Amherst. It is hoped that the outcome of this conference will be a course capable of being effectively carried out in our advanced schools.

The "Acadia Science Club" previously referred to in these notes has started a scientific monthly called *The Acadian Scientist*. The Club is endeavouring to foster the study of science by prescribing for its members a course of scientific reading, and by founding examinations in certain subjects. The *Scientist* contains some interesting articles. The following is the directorate of the Club: *President*, A. E. Coldwell, A.M., instructor of natural science, Acadia college, Wolfville, N. S.; *Directors*, *Physiology*, C. W. Roscoe, A.M., inspector of schools, Wolfville, N. S.; *Geology*, Alexander McKay, Esq., mathematical master in Halifax high school, Dartmouth, N. S.; *Botany*, A. H. McKay, B. Sc., principal Picton academy, Picton, N. S.; *Natural Philosophy and Astronomy*, Prof. A. E. Coldwell, A.M., Wolfville, N. S.; *Chemistry*, J. F. Godfrey, Esq. principal Windsor academy, Windsor N. S.; *Zoology*, A. J. Pineo, A. B., principal high school, Wolfville, N. S.; *Mineralogy*, S. K. Hitchings, B. Sc., state assayer and principal high school, Biddeford, Maine, *Secretary and Treasurer*, A. J. Pineo, A. B., Wolfville, N. S.

Alexander McLeod, Esq., a merchant of Halifax, recently deceased, bequeathed the residuary interest of his large estate to Dalhousie college. The bequest is estimated to be of a minimum value of \$150,000, and may not improbably amount to nearly double of that sum. The only condition attached thereto is that the college must continue non-sectarian in its character. The direct object is to enable the Governors to establish three additional professors.

QUEBEC.

Bishop's college school, Lennoxville, of which Rev. Isaac Brock, M.A., is the rector, has largely increased in attendance this term. This school and the college are situated in one of the most beautiful and healthy localities in the Province, and from what we saw of the interior arrangements of the school, there is nothing neglected which can tend to the comfort and physical welfare of the pupils.

The Young Ladies' college at Dunham, under the efficient superintendance of Mrs. Holden, principal, has nearly doubled its attendance. The closing exercises in December were so creditable that considerable interest in them was manifested in the neighborhood.

Mr. A. D. McQuarrie is doing good work in Buckingham school and his efforts are well appreciated in the locality. He evidently is "abreast of the times," and his school is a credit to him.

There is at present quite a large attendance in the Industrial college, Lachute, of which Mr. C. S. Holliday is head master. Mr. T. Haney, the English master, is spoken of as an indefatigable, successful teacher.

School matters in Aylmer, (Que.) are greatly improved since the appointment of Mr. Raleigh J. Elliot as principal, who is ably assisted by Miss McLean. If a better school building could be obtained it would leave little else to be desired there in educational matters.

The school commissioners of Danville have built a commodious, brick school house, capable of accommodating 200 pupils, in place of the academy which was burned in the conflagration that devastated a large portion of the town last year. A head master from Ontario has been appointed, and classes will be formed for three assistant teachers, by which means the commissioners hope the town will be second to no other of a similar size in the province in educational advantages.

It is a pity that a larger amount of departmental aid cannot be given to the Magog model school, as the work done in it by the principal, Mr. W. H. Mayo, and his assistants, is acknowledged to be most satisfactory. The school building is a credit to the town in external appearance and interior arrangement, and the school commissioners take much pride in maintaining its good condition.

The academy at Stanbridge East is making good progress under the head mastership of Mr. Alson Burnett.

Mr. J. McIntosh has a very large attendance in the Granby high school and his efficient labors are much appreciated in the town. In the district school Miss McLean, who is a thoroughly progressive teacher, is doing good, earnest work. Some important improvements in school arrangements are spoken of as contemplated by the school commissioners, which if carried into effect will result in a better plan for advancement to the high school, and introduce the benefits of the graded system.

Mr. R. M. Campbell has greatly improved the high school, at Three Rivers, since his appointment, and his efforts have met with every encouragement on the part of the school board. The attendance has increased over 300 per cent, and the greatest satisfaction is felt at the result of his judicious and efficient management. We are pleased to know of his success.

REVIEW.

OUR LITTLE MEN AND WOMEN—*D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.*—Among the large number and great variety of illustrated periodical literature for juveniles this beautiful monthly magazine occupies a prominent position. It is finely illustrated and contains some attractive stories which, in the number for January (vol. iv. No. 1), are descriptive of Christmas scenes in "Merrie" England, Germany, Egypt, and Australia. The geographical coloring thus given tends to encourage a taste for a branch of study generally more useful than interesting, and makes this class of supplemental reading serve a double purpose. Price \$1.00 a year.

MAGAZINES.

THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW for February opens with a symposium in which six prominent theologians, representing as many religious denominations, give expression to their views upon the question of the "Revision of Creeds." Prof. Alexander Winchell, in an article entitled "The experiment of Universal Suffrage," institutes a profound inquiry into the essential conditions of stable popular government, which he finds to be, substantially, virtue and intelligence; but the conditions, he maintains, are absolutely unattainable under our existing political system, where an electorate either ignorant or vicious, or both, by the mere force of superior numbers practically nullifies the suffrages of the better and wiser portion of the people, whose right to control the government of the commonwealth is grounded in the very nature of things. Bishop McQuaid writes of "The Decay of Protestantism," and in an essay to prove his thesis, makes a very adroit use of the admissions of protestant writers. "The Political Situation" is the joint title of two articles, the one by Horatio Seymour, the other by Geo. S. Boutwell, who offer their respective views upon the causes of the recent overthrow of the Republican party. An article by Dr. D. A. Sargent, on "Physical Education in Colleges," treats a subject of prime importance to the welfare of the youths in our higher educational institutions. Finally, there are two articles on "The Standard Oil Company," Senator Camden of West Virginia defending that corporation against its assailants, and John C. Welch setting forth the reasons for condemning it as a dangerous monopoly. Published at 30 Lafayette Place, New York.

GLEANINGS.

For love is ever the beginning of knowledge, as fire is of light.—*Carlyle*.
Of all consolations, work is the most fortifying and the most healthy, because it solaces a man not by bringing him ease, but by requiring effort.—*Taine*.

When the Greek Aleximander was told that the very boys laughed at his singing, he replied, "Then I must learn to sing better."

We of old Miletus have been always taught that words should be subordinate to ideas, and we never place the pedestal on the head of the statue.—*Landor*.

Indignation may often be averted, offence avoided, or, good will secured, by the choice of smooth words, or the reverse effect may be produced by the use of opprobrious epithets. *Schuyler*.

What is done for effect is seen to be done for effect, what is done for love is felt to be done for love. A man inspires affection and honor, because he was not lying in wait for these.—*Emerson*.

How few of us often stop to think of the low ends aimed at in education, or the imperfect methods, or how little we really know about the true philosophy of teaching. In teaching, labour is the inexorable condition of success. To be good teachers, we must be good learners,—not satisfied to tread forever the tread mill of routine, get no further, and rise no higher. We must knock at the door of knowledge before it will be opened.—*A. S. Abbott, Iowa*.