

large audience showed their appreciation of the efforts of Principal Kempton and his associate teachers.

The REVIEW extends its congratulations to Miss M. Miriam Kyle, recently a successful teacher in Vancouver, B. C., and formerly in Fredericton, Bathurst and Harcourt, on her marriage to Mr. Alex. J. Kent, a member of the mercantile firm of Kent, Brown & Company, Moosejaw, Alberta.

The institutions of Acadia University this year have opened with large numbers of students and with brighter prospects of success than any preceding year. The staff of Acadia Seminary now numbers eighteen teachers, and the lady principal, Miss Carrie E. Small, M. A., is every day demonstrating her special fitness for the position to which she was recently appointed. The large and capable staffs of the Seminary and Academy give Principals DeWolfe and Sawyer the opportunity to teach in the college, the former taking logic and the latter the junior classics—an excellent arrangement, which serves to bind more closely the work of the three institutions.

The Misses Bessie and Clara Bridges, who obtained in April last a nine months' leave of absence from their educational duties in South Africa, have returned by way of Boston, New York and Philadelphia, after spending several months inspecting educational methods in England and on the continent, and in visiting friends in New Brunswick.

The friends of Miss Susan E. Cameron, M. A., will be pleased to learn of her appointment to the principalship of the Royal Victoria College, in affiliation with McGill University, Montreal. Miss Cameron's brilliant course at the St. John high school and later at McGill University, her excellent work in English literature, her enthusiasm and aptitude for teaching, have won for her deserved promotion.

RECENT BOOKS.

NOVA SCOTIA READERS. Books I-III. G. N. Morang & Company (Limited), Toronto; Books IV-VI, Thomas Nelson & Sons, Edinburgh.

The REVIEW has received through the courtesy of Messrs. A. & W. Mackinlay, of Halifax, copies of the above named books, which are to replace the Royal readers which have for so many years been in use in Nova Scotia. It would be difficult to conceive a more attractive series of readers than the first three in contents, illustrations and binding. The picture of the maple leaf on the covers is suggestive of the material inside, which is made up largely of nature subjects, such as are supposed to be familiar to the child in his surroundings. Colored illustrations and full page pictures from the best artists adorn the pages, which will be a veritable delight to the younger generation of Nova Scotians. The selections have been made with the greatest care and judgment, and the result must be a delight indeed to children, and to those who would make them happy.

The advanced readers, books 4, 5, and 6, are perhaps less attractive in illustrations, type and paper, but the literary contents are all that could be desired. Selections have been made from over sixty of the best known authors in the English-speaking world, and in addition there are nearly a dozen who are distinctively Canadian, such as Howe, Haliburton, DeMille, Lampman, Roberts, McLeod and others. They serve admirably to introduce to school

children the writings of those authors who are attractive to the young.

A MIDDLE ENGLISH READER. By Oliver Farrar Emerson, A. M., Ph. D. Cloth. Pages 475. New York: The Macmillan Company. Toronto: G. N. Morang & Company.

This reader serves as an introduction to the language and literature of the middle English period, between 1100 and 1500, A. D. It is provided with an ample grammatical introduction, based on the needs of students taking up this period; selections with explanatory notes on the great dialectal divisions of the period; and a glossary which, in addition to the meanings of words used in the text, accounts for their origin and forms.

FIFTY ENGLISH CLASSICS BRIEFLY OUTLINED. By Melvin Hix. Cloth. Pages 288. Price \$1.25. Hinds, Noble and Eldredge, New York.

This book contains a simple logical analysis of fifty masterpieces of English literature, including the best of the dramas, fiction, narrative and lyric poems, as well as essays and addresses. It is invaluable to those who would study a good piece of literature systematically,—to the teacher who has overcrowded classes and little time for preparation; to the student who has to depend on his own resources and is remote from libraries; to all who would do literary work on a systematic plan. The great merit of the book is its usefulness.

In Macmillan's Picture Arithmetic (Book III), price 3d, teachers will find not only profitable material for number lessons, but subjects for language, history and geography in the suggestive pictures that embellish the text.

DER ARME SPIELMAAN. A story by Franz Grillparzer. Edited with notes and vocabulary by William Guild Howard, Harvard University. Cloth. Pages 143. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.

This simple story of a poor minstrel has three aims,—to interest the reader by introducing him to one of the most famous short stories of German literature, to teach him something about the German language, and to give him practice in the use of common words and phrases.

THE DIARY OF SAMUEL PEPYS. With an introduction and notes by G. Gregory Smith. Cloth. Pages 800. Price 3s. 6d. Macmillan & Company, London.

The Diary of Samuel Pepys (a note to this volume says the favoured pronunciation is *peeps* rather than *peps*, or *pep-is*, or *papes*, or *pips*), "is incomparable for its revel of small talk, for its intimacy, its confessions, its amusing impenitence." Nor is it less in favour because it is full of charming details of the customs of our ancestors and of bits of history, notably the stories of the Plague and the Great Fire of London. Although not a literary production, its every page is entertaining, and the frankness of the author amuses us not less than his inordinate vanity.

A COURSE OF EXERCISES IN QUANTITATIVE CHEMISTRY. By Harmon Northrop Morse, Professor of Analytic Chemistry in Johns Hopkins University. Cloth. 556 pages. Illustrated. Mailing price, \$2.20. Ginn & Company, Boston.

Beginners in quantitative chemistry will find Professor Morse's book a helpful guide. The work includes those exercises required of students in chemistry at Johns Hopkins University, and is at once authoritative and practical. It is designed to familiarize the pupil with as great a variety