

Current History has changed hands and is now the property of the New England Publishing Company, Boston, Mass., who will continue its publication along the lines heretofore followed. The new owners of the magazine will spare no effort to maintain the high standard this useful quarterly has so long had for comprehensiveness, clearness, impartiality and reliability. In the number for the fourth quarter of 1897, the same treatment of all subjects of general interest concerning all parts of the world may be remarked. The biographical sketch of the late Charles A. Dana is appreciative of that remarkable journalist. Among other subjects discussed are "The Behring Sea Dispute," "The Hawaiian Question," "The Cuban Revolt," "The Klondike Gold Fields," "The Situation in the Orient," and a host of other matters relating to events which occurred during the last quarter of the year 1897. The editorship continues in the hands of Dr. A. S. Johnson, who has done so much to give to *Current History* the general character which makes it so valuable as the record of a world's history.

ELEMENTS OF NATURAL PHILOSOPHY, by Edwin J. Houston, M.A., Ph. D., and published by Eldredge and Brother, Philadelphia, is a new and revised edition of a work which has already been well received by the teachers of Science. The book treats in a clear and comprehensible manner of Matter and Energy, Fluids, Sound and Light, Heat and Electricity, and the subject matter is exceedingly well illustrated by means of numerous cuts and diagrams. The Metric system is used in connection with the English system, in such a way as to make the learner familiar with the former, a knowledge of which is becoming of more and more importance to students of science.

Official Department.

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased, by order in council dated the 20th of December (1897), to detach from the school municipality of Saint-Bernardin de Waterloo, in the county of Shefford, the following lots, to wit: Nos. 686, 688, 690, 822 and 826 of the township of