

PERSONAL.

Professor MacMechan, of the University of Dalhousie, gave an able and interesting lecture in Halifax, on the life and work of his predecessor, the late Professor James DeMill.

Miss Josie C. Upham, for several years head teacher in the Willow street schools, Truro, has been elected to a scholarship in Wellesly College, Mass. Miss Upham is to be congratulated upon this honor, as out of several hundred applicants only a limited number are annually chosen.

Smith Walker, B. A. (Acadia), and George Campbell, B. A. (Dal.), both of Truro, have recently graduated in medicine at the University of New York.

D. A. Murray, B. A. (Dal.), and former tutor of Dalhousie College has been appointed Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the University of New York.

Dr. Wesley Mills, whose book we reviewed in March, has been elected to the Royal Society of Canada, biological section.

Professor Roberts, of Windsor, has also been elected to the vacancy in the literary section of the Royal Society.

H. H. MacIntosh, Esq., Principal of the Lunenburg Academy, has been appointed to the Inspectorship of District No. 2, consisting of the counties of Lunenburg and Queens, N. S.

Hon. D. C. Fraser, B. A. (Dal.), C. H. Munro, M. D., William Cameron, B. A. (Dal.), and Jessrey McCall, representatives of Pictou County in the Provincial Assembly, entertained the students attending the University of Dalhousie from Pictou, at the Halifax Hotel last month. Over sixty guests were present. Among those present who took part in the speech making were His Lordship, Chief Justice MacDonald, Premier Fielding, Dr. MacKay, leader of the Provincial Opposition, Hector McInnes, LL.B., Stewart, of the *Herald*, Thompson, of the *Chronicle*, Howard Murray of the Halifax Academy, and many other well known provincial names.

Howard Murray, B. A. (Lond.), Classical Master in the Halifax Academy, gave an able public lecture in Halifax, March 4th, on the "Woman of Greece."

We have received the "PROGRAMA PARA 1890," Año VII of the "Instituto Internacional" of Santiago, Chile. In the "Cuerpo De Profesores," we are glad to see the name of "Sr. don Archibaldo Troop," of Nova Scotia. He is one of a faculty of the twelve professors of the institution.

BOOK REVIEWS.

PHYSICAL DRILL FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, in four parts, with illustrations. Part I, Foot Drill. Part II, Arena Drill; Part III, Calisthenics. Part IV, Physical Exercises with Wands and Dumb-bells, systematized and arranged in eight grades to suit all classes, by Sergeant Major D. Bailey, Military Gymnastic Instructor. pp. 127, 16mo. (T. C. Allen & Co., 124 and 126 Granville Street, Halifax, N. S.) This is the book for which the teachers of the Atlantic provinces have been long waiting. It contains a great variety of exercises from which may be culled what can be most effectually utilized in the ungraded miscellaneous school, and in graded schools of all degrees, or in public or private gymnasia. Directions in the printed text are supplemented by a number of woodcuts. These exercises have been arranged and selected by the most successful and popular gymnastic instructor in Canada, and were tested in the Halifax schools under the supervision of the ablest educational critics in the province, at whose suggestion this capital handbook took finally its present form.

STRUCTURE, or the Ascent of Man, by A. P. Reid, M.D., Chief Superintendent of the N. S. Hospital for Insane. Read before the N. S. Institute of Science, 13th January, 1890. 12 pages. For sale by T. C. Allen & Co., 124 and 126 Granville Street, Halifax, N. S. Dr. Reid's ideas point him out as a progressive man. We do not profess to endorse his views explicitly, but we think he is doing valuable work in calling the attention of the public to the advantage of special care in "breeding good human stock," as a stock breeder might put it. He lays down a few laws sufficient to direct the growth of the bulk of humanity towards a more perfect ideal. 1st. Hereditary Transmission. 2nd. Indissolubility of the marriage tie with its home associations. 3rd. A correct appreciation of the dignity of labor, and that all individuals be trained to make their own living by the hand as well as the head. 4th. Moral training with fixed or positive religious ideas. 5th. A general and practical education. 6th. Definite instruction in sanitary laws.

THE CONVERSATION METHOD IN GERMAN. Part I, by Hans E. Bober, Teacher of Modern Languages, and A. McKay, Supervisor of Public Schools. pp. VII, 150, 12mo. \$1.00. (T. C. Allen & Co., 124 and 126 Granville Street, Halifax, N. S.) Typographically this little book is beautifully got up, and considering the difficulty attending the setting up of German by English compositors, the text is remarkably free from errors. The volume proves one thing—that for good press work no author need go beyond the Atlantic provinces. The book has been published for the use of Professor Bober's classes. This talented teacher shows in his method the highest development of the Comenius System. Without the use of English he makes his students first think, then speak in German. The system is certainly the natural one, for in a few weeks it enables the learner to understand and use the German idiom with a naturalness which months of lumbering translation could not effect. From personal experience we have entirely lost conceit in the sole pre-eminence of the English teachers, for our German confere shows a polish—a power—and an intelligence which we have never seen excelled. German teachers will find this book a valuable aid in enabling them to teach the language in the most effectual manner known to pedagogy.