

year to the already well-filled library, and three newspapers are taken by the school. The teachers are H. Ashley Wheaton, principal, and Miss Leoline Allaby, assistant.

The following prizes in the faculty of applied sciences, McGill, were won by Maritime Province students: Third year—John F. Robertson, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; McCarthy prize for field work; prize for practical astronomy, Frank E. Sterne, Morell, P. E. I., prizes for summer thesis, dynamics of machinery, machine design, mechanical drawing; second mathematical prize. Emerson S. Franklin, prize for physical laboratory. First year—Robert A. Chambers, Truro, N. S., prize for descriptive geometry. Geo. M. Kent, Truro, prize for physics. Clarence H. McDougall, South Maitland, N. S., second field work prize.

The Charlotte County Teachers' Institute will be held at St. Stephen on the 27th and 28th September.

The Albert County Teachers' Institute will be held at Hillsborough on the 6th and 7th of June.

Teachers and school officers in New Brunswick should bear in mind—That the annual school meeting hereafter will be held on the third Saturday in June, and that the trustees will retire whose term of office would have terminated in the following October. That the poll tax for the year (so regarded) from October 1900 to June 1901, has been fixed by the legislature at one dollar. That unless a report is made to the inspector of the work done on Arbor day two sessions of the school must be held. That Labor day is a holiday in all the schools. If desired by teacher and trustees, schools may be kept open on that day and the Christmas holidays may begin one day earlier. That there will be no Provincial Institute this year, but that the Dominion Institute will meet in Ottawa in August next. That a fee will be required this year from all candidates for the departmental examinations to be held beginning July 2nd next. That the number of teaching days shall not average more than five days per week during the time the school has been opened.

The *Nova Scotia Normal*, published at Truro, contains in its last number a portrait and sketch of Miss Mina A. Reade, teacher of elocution at the N. S. Normal School. Miss Reade has resigned her position to take a year's course of study in reading and elocution.

RECENT BOOKS.

BIRD PORTRAITS. By Ernest Seton-Thompson, with descriptive text, by Ralph Hoffman. Cloth. Pages 40. Price \$1.50. Ginn & Co., Publishers, Boston.

The portraits of twenty birds are here given, pictured in their native haunts, life size. A short account of each bird has been added, with the main events of its life, forming a graphic sketch, in sympathy with the portraits which are life size and represent the bird in some favorite posture—the Song-sparrow singing; the Flicker gazing intently into a hole from his perch on some insect-bored tree; the Barn-swallow watching us with careless unconcern; the King-bird with his saucy, pugnacious attitude, ready for attack on any venturesome intruder; with others forming a list of our native songsters that will charm any bird-lover, or lover of the beautiful and artistic.

ENGLISH: COMPOSITION AND LITERATURE. By W. F. Webster, Minneapolis, Minn. Cloth; pages 275. Price, 90 cents. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Toronto: Geo. N. Morang & Co., Ltd.

The author has had in view, in preparing this book, the teaching of the methods of simple, direct and accurate expression. In a clear and logical manner he has presented a four years' course in English composition. It is especially valuable, as it shows how the best literature may be woven into such a course.

ELEMENTARY BOTANY. By Percy Groom, M.A., F.L.S. With a Manual of the More Common Herbaceous Plants of Quebec and Ontario. By Prof. D. P. Penhallow, D.Sc., McGill University. Cloth; pages 252+209.

This English-Canadian work on botany has many excellent features to commend it to our students. The lessons on plants aim to combine the results of field and microscopic work with the text-book to marked advantage.

TWO-BOOK COURSE IN ENGLISH. By Mary F. Hyde. Book One, pages 211, price 35 cents; and Book Two, pages 328, price 60 cents. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.

The leading aims of this course in English are to develop the child's power of thought, to form habits of correct expression and give him a taste for good literature. It does not begin by dissecting sentences, but by constructive work the child is led easily and naturally into the correct use of English. Special attention is given to oral composition, to the study of fables and classic myths, to written composition and letter writing. The books are exceedingly attractive in appearance, and are practical and progressive aids to the study of English.

THE THIRD FLOOR; a novel. By Mrs. Henry Dudeney. The W. J. Gage Co., Ltd., Toronto.

A bright story of London life. The character sketches are good and the descriptions written in an entertaining style.

THE PARTS OF SPEECH AND THEIR USES; An Easy Method of English Analysis. By H. W. Household, M.A. Cloth. Pages 140. Price 1s. 6d. Macmillan & Co., London and New York.

This is a simple and practical attempt, based on years of experience, to teach the structure of English sentences. The examples for illustration are easy, varied and appropriate.

MANUAL OF ELEMENTARY SCIENCE, by R. A. Gregory, F.R.A.S., and A. T. Simmons, B.Sc. Illustrated. Pages 429. Cloth. Price 3s. 6d. Macmillan & Co., London.

This volume embraces a course of study in physics and astronomy. The principles involved are in the first two subjects illustrated by experiments. In astronomy the student is recommended to make observations of the sky at every step.

GREEK SCULPTURE: A collection of sixteen pictures of Greek Marbles with introduction and interpretation, by Estelle M. Hurl. The Riverside Art Series, No. 7. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

This is one of the most interesting numbers of this valuable series. A great variety of subjects has been chosen, and the illustrations, as well as the text, beautifully clear.

THE WOODPECKERS. By Mrs. Fannie Hardy Eckstorm. With five full-page plates and many text illustrations. Pages 131. Cloth. Price \$1. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

A lively yet accurate and orderly account of the woodpecker family, treating somewhat exhaustively of five of the commonest species, and less fully of the others. The book is in a form quite certain to interest young people, and very likely to lead them to further observation and investigation.