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"I cannot but express the gratification I have experienced in my examination and perusal of its contents. The study of Geography, under most circumstances interesting, cannot with this help be otherwise than attractive; and whilst facts are being stored up in the memory, the subject is so treated as to cultivate the reasoning faculties of the pupil."

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Late Inspector for King's Co.

"The work appears to me admirably adapted to instruct our youth in this important branch. Unlike most other works on this subject, it teaches the *unknown* by means of the *known*."

REV. HENRY L. OWEN,
Chairman of School Commissioners, Lunenburg.

"I have not had time to give the work a very careful examination, but it strikes me that Mr. Calkin has made a very good book. The form, size, the illustrations, maps, paper, and typography are all first rate; and I have no doubt the matter is equally good."

JOHN D. PHILBRICK,
Superintendent of Schools, Boston, Mass.

We give the following letter nearly in full, as it notices briefly many points referred to more at length by several other gentlemen whose opinions are before us:—

"After giving the work a very careful examination, I cannot but regard it as one reflecting much credit both upon the ability of its author and the enterprise of its publishers. Long experience as a teacher made me painfully conscious how great a desideratum a good school geography was, especially one adapted to meet the special educational necessities of these Provinces. However excellent, in some respects, recent English Geographies may be, their deficiency of information about British North America renders them unsuitable for our schools. Geographies published in the United States have not only been all marked by this defect, but have given a disproportionate prominence to the Great Republic, and contained political allusions which made them objectionable for use in the British Provinces. Lovell's Canadian Geography was better suited to meet our wants than any of these, but was spoilt by its inferior letter press and bad engraving, both of the pictures and maps. It is with much pleasure, therefore, that I have witnessed the appearance of a School Geography, which, though susceptible of improvements that it may easily receive in its future editions, must be regarded by every competent and candid judge as the best yet published, and the only one in existence to be thought of as the text-book for use in the Public Schools of Nova Scotia.

"Among the many commendable features of Mr. Calkin's Geography, which I have observed, I may name these:—The success with which its author has avoided either making his Geography too descriptive and therefore superficial, or too much a mere list of terms and names utterly repulsive to children. The judicious selection and arrangement of matter. The valuable character of the exercises. The happy union of clearness and condensation in the style. The excellency of the maps, which not only unite the rare qualities of a sufficiency without a too great fulness of details, but are so beautifully engraved and colored, as to make it a pleasure to children to look at them. The suggesting to the pupil, in connection with his study of each map, a comparison between the size of the respective countries represented and Nova Scotia, and furnishing him with means to make it. The admirable pictorial illustrations, and the additional attractiveness imparted to the work by the superiority of both the paper and type."

REV. A. H. MUSRO,
Liverpool.

We have not space to bring together the opinions given by the Press. We must content ourselves with the following:—

"The arrangement, style of composition, illustrations, and indeed every thing about it, are well calculated to attract the youthful mind.

"Mr. Calkin has done good service to the cause of education by its publication, and we heartily recommend it."

Morning Chronicle.

"We have no hesitation in pronouncing it the most perfect work of the kind that we have ever seen."

British Colonist.

A second edition of the Geography has been issued, and the few defects discovered in the first, have been carefully remedied.

The Late Alexander Forrester, D. D.

OUR readers have long since received the melancholy intelligence of the death of Rev. Dr. Forrester, Principal of the Provincial Normal and Model Schools. Associated with Dr. Forrester in the Educational service of the Province from 1860 till the day of his death, we have reason to know how good and earnest a man has passed away. His zeal for popular education consumed him. His whole soul laboured in this great work, and it was granted to him to witness in his last years abundant fruits of his toil. The teachers of Nova Scotia, and the promoters of public education everywhere, have lost a most able and unwearied advocate, and true friend. The cause of education in this Province is profoundly indebted to the efforts of the late Dr. Forrester. His name will long be cherished in grateful remembrance. In the Cemetery at Truro, beneath the "whispering pines," he sleeps his last sleep.

[From the Presbyterian Witness, April 24th.]

To-day, all that is mortal of the Rev. Alexander Forrester will be committed to its last resting-place. The tidings of his death will carry sorrow into ten thousand hearts in these Provinces, and will be noted with regret in other and far distant lands. It is many years since this country has sustained a loss which will be so severely felt. But the stroke has fallen; the good, the true, the devoted man who was so dear to us, and whose face and voice have so long been familiar to us, has gone to swell the numbers of the redeemed above—and his ashes we commit to the grave in the full hope of a glorious resurrection. Dr. Forrester died in New York at one o'clock on Tuesday morning. His health failed sadly a year ago, but under the influence of a summer's rest and quiet travel he was so far restored as to be able during the winter to attend to his duties as Principal of the Normal College. At the close of the session he came to this city and took passage early in April to New York. He was in a delicate state of health, but none supposed his end was so near. He stood the voyage very well; and passed a day or two pleasantly with his good friend Rev. Dr. Thomson. Soon, however, he was prostrated with illness. His whole system appeared to give way. All that the best medical skill and the greatest kindness and attention could do, was tried, but tried in vain; and he peacefully breathed his last, surrounded by several members of his family, and other intimate friends.

Dr. Forrester was every whit a Scotsman of the sturdiest type. Face, form, accent, style of thought and expression, all told the same pleasant tale. He was a parish minister of the Church of Scotland before the Disruption. He enthusiastically cast his lot with the Free Church, and for some years ministered to a congregation in Paisley. In February 1848 he arrived in this country as a Deputy from the Free Church, and for three months supplied St. John's Church in this city. During these months he organized classes which became the nucleus of the Free Church College. Before returning to Scotland he traversed the country with all the zeal of an evangelist, and the sagacity, tact, and organizing power of a leader of men. He inaugurated the movement for a Professorial Fund, and visited the greater part of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Cape Breton, securing numerous and liberal subscriptions for that Fund.—In response to a call from St. John's Church he returned to Halifax in October of the same year (1848) and became pastor of that Church. In November the Free Church College was opened, and Dr. Forrester undertook to give the students a course of Lectures on Natural Science.

The congregation of St. John's built "Chalmer's Church" which was opened by Dr. Forrester, and in which he ministered till 1855 when he accepted the onerous and influential position