

Pictou Academy has the largest grade "A" class in the province. Her total enrolment up to date is 187; viz., 22 A's, 36 B's, 56 C's and 73 D's.

Philip Doherty, Grade A of Halifax Academy, has been appointed principal of the Lockeport, N. S., high school.

Mr. A. Morrison, who left the teaching profession to become a barrister in British Columbia, has been visiting his native province, Nova Scotia. He reports that a large number of the leading teachers of the Pacific province are graduates from the Maritime Provinces.

The teachers of Hantsport, N. S., for last year, owing to a general reduction of salaries, nearly all resigned. Miss Charlotte Mumford, who taught there for nine years with the greatest success, was presented with a very flattering address, largely signed.

Halifax Academy has entered upon this year's work under the most encouraging circumstances. As the result of last year's work she obtained at the provincial examination 35 Grade B's, 36 Grade C's, and 69 Grade D's; in all 140 passed. Of six scholarships offered for competition by Dalhousie College, she succeeded in getting three. There are enrolled at present 302 students; 64 studying for B, 115 for C, and 123 for D.

BOOK REVIEWS.

OLD SOUTH LEAFLETS ON PURITANISM. Seven new leaflets, published by the Directors of the Old South Work, Boston, have just been added to the Old South series, all relating to English Puritanism and the commonwealth. With these Old South leaflets, which are sold for five cents a copy, just enough to cover their cost, our students can come into immediate touch with the men of the English Commonwealth and the great scenes in which they acted.

ALGEBRA FOR BEGINNERS, by H. S. Hall and S. R. Knight, revised and adapted to American schools, by Frank L. Sevenoak, A.M., M.D. Price, 60 cents. New York and London, MacMillan & Co. This is but a rearrangement of Hall & Knight's Algebra, the order being determined mainly by two considerations: To bring in the practical side of the subject as early as possible, and in the second place that compound expressions and their resolution into factors should be postponed until the usual operations of algebra have been exemplified in the case of simple expressions.

BOTANICAL NOTE-BOOK, by H. B. Spotten, M. A., F. L. S., published by W. J. Gage & Co., Toronto. This Note-book, for use of high school students, will be found of great value in recording observations of plants.

MACMILLAN'S NEW LIBRARY READERS, Books I, II and IV—prices respectively 8s. 10d., and 1s. 6d. **MACMILLAN'S HISTORY READERS.** Book I. Price, 9d. Published by MacMillan & Co., London and New York. Bright and attractive in make up and interesting in contents.

SHAKESPEARE'S KING HENRY THE EIGHTH. Edited with Introduction and Notes by K. Deighton. Price, 1s. 9d. Publishers, MacMillan & Co., London and New York. This series of Shakespeare's plays is published in a cheap, convenient, and attractive form. The introduction and notes form a setting for each play of great value to the student.

TENNYSON'S GUINEVERE, with Introduction and Notes, by G. C. Macaulay, M.A. Price, 2s. 6d. Published by MacMillan & Co., London and New York. This edition of Guinevere is uniform with others already published, such as *Geraint and Enid*, *The Holy Grail*, etc. The introduction and notes are very full, the author excusing his profuseness in the latter by remarking, "I have found myself, and my own experience has been confirmed by others, that there is hardly anything which school-boys of fair intelligence are not capable of misunderstanding, and I have gradually, and rather unwillingly, become convinced that it is better to make the notes too many than too few." Granted—but can the "misunderstanding" be cured in that way?

A WORKING MANUAL OF AMERICAN HISTORY, by Wm. H. Mace, published by C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse, N. Y. A very full outline of events of American history.

HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL SCIENCE, Part I, by F. W. Merchant, M. A., Collegiate Institute, London, and C. Fessenden, M. A., Collegiate Institute, Peterboro, Toronto: The Copp, Clark Company, Limited. This book has been recently authorized by the Department of Education for Ontario. It seems almost an ideal book in physical science. No space is wasted on an introduction. It has the minimum of theory and the maximum of practice. Illustrations are abundant and excellent.

GEOMETRY TABLET FOR WRITTEN EXERCISES, price 20 cents; published by Ginn & Co., Boston. The neat and convenient arrangement of this exercise book will be found of great value to teachers and students of geometry.

PRESTON PAPERS, by Miss Preston's Assistant, cloth, pages 144. Chicago: Star Publishing Co. This is a series of letters written by a teacher, giving her experiences, which the live teacher would enjoy, and which might help the machine teacher to get out of ruts, provided the ruts are not too deep.

"CLEAR ROUND," by E. A. Gordon, with illustrations, maps, and an introduction from Max Muller; pages 332; cloth; price, 2s., 6d. London: Sampson, Low & Co., Publishers. This is a story of a voyage round the world, told by a lady in an unassuming style. It de-