

At Albert School, Miss Beulah Knowlton of grade one, Centennial, has taken charge of grade one, in succession to Miss Gregory, who has resigned. Miss Emma Babbitt, assistant teacher, succeeds Miss Thompson of grade two, who has resigned to accept her pension. Miss Thompson has taught in the city for over thirty years. Miss Gladys Shaw, a graduate of the High School, who holds a first class license, has been appointed assistant teacher.

At St. Peter's Girls' School, Sister Adrienne has been appointed to take Miss Hogan's position, the latter having retired.—*St. John Globe*.

BOOK REVIEW.

Britain's Case Against Germany, by Professor Ramsey Muir, Professor of History, Manchester University, Manchester, England, is the title of a book recently published by Messrs. Longmans Green & Co., London, and New York. It contains about 200 pages, is bound in cloth, and sells at \$1.00 net.

The author sets forth a strong case for Britain in six chapters, designated as follows: I, The Summer of 1914; II, Germans Political Theories; III, The Two Germanies; IV, How Prussia Rules Germany; V, Recent German Policy; VI, The Alternative to the Doctrine of Power.

The volume is not only a clear, concise, popular exposition of the events immediate and remote, which led up to the war, the political theories advanced by Nietzsche and others, the dominance of Prussia, the war-policy of Germany, and her studious care to avoid all movements, which tended to the settlement of international disputes by other means than an appeal to the sword, but it shows the reader the philosophical side of history, and something of the intricate international problems that have engaged the attention of statesmen for the last one hundred years.

The book has a peculiar value for teachers, and should be read in every Canadian school.—H. G. P.

LOOK IT UP IN HEATON.

Heaton's Annual — the Commercial Handbook of Canada — 1915 edition, price \$1.00, postage 12c. Heaton's Agency, Toronto — The eleventh edition has come to hand. Year by year the Annual has been gradually developed to meet the requirements of those who want a Canadian book of easy reference.

The second half of the book contains a concise, up-to-date description of all the towns in Canada of any commercial importance, including the leading hotels in order of merit, the existing industries and special opportunities for new industries. The railway connections, banking facilities and population of smaller places are given under the head of "Banking Towns." To this is added a section covering such subjects as agriculture, commerce, education, finance, fisheries, forests, fox-farming, immigration, mining population, railways, game-laws, water powers, etc., an admirable, up-to-date pocket encyclopaedia of the resources of the Dominion. From a scientific point of view, perhaps the most valuable feature is a chapter headed, "Where to Find it." This is a complete economic bibliography of the Dominion and Provincial Government Reports and standard publications relating to Canada, to which foot note references are given throughout the text.

THE MAGAZINES.

The opening article in the February *Canadian Magazine* is an account of the heroic attempt of Inspector Fitzgerald and three constables to reach Fort McPherson in February, 1911. The writer, A. V. Thomas, calls his story "Heroes of the Canadian Arctic" and draws attention to the similarity between the journey of Inspector Fitzgerald and that of Captain Scott in the Antarctic. The second of the "Famous Canadian Trials" to be narrated is the incident of the assault upon Thomas Walker in 1764, known as the "Walker's ear case." The Library table has a very interesting review of the first twelve volumes of the "Chronicles of Canada." "Tramping in unfrequented Nova Scotia" is a pleasantly written account of a walking trip from Musquodoboit Harbour to Marie Joseph. Six short stories are contributed this month, and the illustrations, as usual, are very attractive.

The Living Age is full of good things, substantial and light. In the latter class "The First Hundred Thousand" tells of some of the ways by which the Scottish element in Kitchener's Army is being shaped into discipline soldiers. "Look here, Dunshie," says the Captain, (to the private who has refused to scrub floors on the plea that he "jined the airmy for tae fight the Germans"), "glad to hear you want to fight the Germans. So do I. So do we all. All the same, we've got a lot of dull jobs to do first. Coals and floors and fatigues like that; they are your jobs. I have mine too. Kept me up till two this morning. But the point is this. You have refused to obey an order. Very serious, that. Most serious crime a soldier can commit. If you start arguing now about small things, where will you be when the big things come along — eh? Must learn to obey. Soldier now, whatever you were a month ago. So obey all orders like a shot. Watch me next time I get one. No disgrace, you know! Ought to be a soldier's pride and all that. See?" "Yes — sirr," replies Private Dunshie, with less truculence, and is dismissed. The Captain turns to his disciple, "That chap's all right. Soon find out its no good fussing about your rights as a true-born British elector in the army."

We have received the first number of "School and Society," a weekly educational journal, which begins publication with the new year under the editorship of Dr. J. McKeen Cattell, professor of psychology in Columbia University and the Teachers' College, editor of "Science," "The Popular Science Monthly" and "The American Naturalist." The journal will emphasize the relations of education to the social order, scientific research in education and its applications, freedom of discussion, and reports and news of events of educational interest. The first number opens with an article by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, entitled "Educational Evolution." There are departments devoted to discussion and correspondence, quotations, books and literature, educational research and statistics, societies and meetings, educational events, and educational notes and news.—The Science Press, Garrison, N. Y. \$3.00 a year

The training of children in fire prevention and safety precautions is one of the first duties both of the parent and teacher.—*Conservation*.