

about, and he will be impressed with this—that the writer of nearly three centuries ago said many things that to-day might be studied with advantage.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

THE GERMAN DECLENSIONS, C. W. Bardeen, publisher, Syracuse, New York.

OUTLINE STUDY OF UNITED STATES HISTORY; publisher, C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse, New York.

LECTURES COURANTES, and Corneille's LE CID; D. C. Heath & Co., publishers, Boston.

NATURE STUDY, E. L. Kellogg & Co., New York.

MACMILLAN'S NEW LITERARY READERS, Book III. Macmillan & Co., London and New York.

MURCHE'S SCIENCE READERS, Books V and VI. Macmillan & Co., London and New York.

MILTON'S PARADISE LOST, Book IV. Macmillan & Co., London and New York.

VIRGIL'S ÆNEID, Books I-VI. Ginn & Co., publishers, Boston, Mass.

The December Magazines.

One of the most helpful papers to teachers in the December number of *McLure's Magazine* is *Chapters from a Life*, an autobiographical paper by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. . . In the *Chautauquan*, President Chas. F. Thwing discusses the Intellectual Life of the American People. An article of exceptional interest, especially to the great student world, is "Student Life at Oxford," by Fred. Grundy, which is finely illustrated. . . In the *Popular Science Monthly* Herbert Spencer continues his series on Professional Institutions by tracing the evolution of the teacher from the priest, and throws much light upon clerical control of secular education. . . The series, *New Figures in Literature and Art*, which has been appearing in the *Atlantic Monthly*, has attracted wide attention. The subject of the third paper, appearing in the December issue, is Hamlin Garland. . . That the editor of *The Sunday-school Times* chose wisely when he secured Dr. Cunningham Geikie, of England, to furnish a weekly commentary on the Sunday-school lesson, has been shown by the exceptional honor conferred by the Russian government upon the English writer. Dr. Geikie's "Life of Christ" was not long ago translated into Russian at Moscow,—of course, with official sanction. And now M. Pobiedonostzeff, the Supreme Censor of Russia, has ordered that the book be adopted in all ecclesiastical middle schools of Russia. . . Mr. W. D. Howells has written a striking paper for the December *Forum* on "The Nature of Liberty," contending that liberty and poverty are incompatible.

N. B. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Official Notices.

ADVANCE OF CLASS.

1. Teachers who hold certificates of having passed the preliminary examination for the class desired (and only such) may be admitted to the Normal School at the beginning of the second term in January; and to the closing examinations for license in June following.
2. Holders of third class licenses who have spent only one term at the Normal School are required to spend an additional winter term at the Normal School before they can be admitted to the closing examinations for advance of class.

3. Holders of second class licenses who have passed the preliminary examination for first class, may be exempted from attending an additional winter term at the Normal School from the special conditions as to professional classification and certificates of superior scholarship, or of having taught two full years, as required by Reg. 31, 5 (a) (b).

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS, JULY 1896.

The usual Normal School entrance, Junior leaving examinations and Junior matriculation examinations, will be held in July, 1896, in accordance with the provisions of Reg. 31, 3 (1), and Reg. 45 of School Manual.

1. NORMAL SCHOOL ENTRANCE.—All candidates for admission to the Normal School in September, 1896, and all holders of second or third class licenses who propose to enter the Normal School in January, 1897, or to become eligible for examination for advance of class in June, 1897, are required to pass the preliminary examinations in July, 1896. (See School Manual, Reg. 31, 3, and Reg. 38, 6.)

2. JUNIOR LEAVING EXAMINATIONS.—This examination will be based upon the requirements of the course of study for grammar and high schools as given in the syllabus for Grades IX and X, and will include the following subjects: English Grammar and Analysis; English Composition and Literature; Arithmetic and Book-keeping; Algebra; Geometry; History and Geography; Botany and Physics; and either Latin or French, or Chemistry, or Physiology and Hygiene. (Eight papers in all.)

The pupils of any school in the province are eligible for admission to this examination upon giving notice on or before the 24th of May to the inspector within whose inspectorate he wishes to be examined, and enclosing an examination fee of two dollars. (See Manual, Reg. 45, 14). Diplomas are granted to successful candidates.

3. JUNIOR MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.—This examination will be based on the requirements for matriculation in the University of New Brunswick as laid down in the university calendar (candidates will receive a calendar upon application to the chancellor of the university or to the education office). Any high or grammar school pupil who has completed Grade XI of the high school course should be prepared for matriculation.

NOTE.—Elementary Chemistry as in Williams' Introduction to Chemical Science (Chapters I to XXX inclusive) is now required of all candidates for matriculation.

In cases in which the language studies of the high school course are different from the language studies as indicated in the university calendar, candidates may take either course by giving notice at the time of making application for examination. (See Manual, Reg. 45, 14.)

The English literature for the closing examinations for license in June, 1896, and for the junior leaving examination, will be Shakespeare's Julius Caesar and Scott's Lady of the Lake.

Examination Questions for 1895, Courses of Study, and university calendar, will be sent, on application, to any teacher or intending candidate.

The Syllabus of Normal School entrance and Normal School closing examinations as given in Regulation 32 School Manual has been revised to read as follows:

SYLLABUS OF EXAMINATIONS.

REGULATION 32.—(1) Normal School Entrance Examinations; and Preliminary Examinations for Advance of Class.

These shall include the following subjects for all classes, viz.: Reading, Spelling, Writing, English Grammar and Composition, Geography, History, Arithmetic, and Elementary Natural Science. Candidates for the first class will also be required to pass examination on the First and Second Books of Geometry with exercises, and on Algebra to the end of Simple Equations. Candidates for the second class will be required to pass examinations on the First Book of Geometry with exercises, and on Algebra, including the Elementary Rules and Simple Equations of one unknown quantity.

REMARK.—The examination papers on the above subjects will be graded as to extent and difficulty according to the class of license applied for by the candidates respectively. For example, candidates for the third class will be examined on the Outlines of Canadian and British History, the General Geography of North America and Europe, with the Geography of New Brunswick in detail (including the drawing from memory of an outline map of the province), the Elementary Arithmetic as prescribed, and the Nature Lessons as indicated in Course of Study, Grades I to VI.

Candidates for the second class will be required to show a more extensive knowledge of Grammar, History and Geography (particularly of the several provinces of the Dominion of Canada), advanced Arithmetic to the end of Compound Interest, the keeping of Accounts by Single Entry, and Natural Science as in Course of Study, Grades I to VII.

Candidates for first class will be required to have an intelligent acquaintance with Prescribed Text Books, except that on General History, and as limited by the above Regulation in regard to Geometry and Algebra.

2.—CLOSING EXAMINATIONS.

The following shall be required of all candidates:

1. THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.—To be familiar with the leading principles of the School Law of New Brunswick and the Regulations of the Board of Education.

2. SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.—To have a knowledge of school organization, as applied under the law of New Brunswick, the classification of pupils, the arrangement of studies, the object and means of discipline, the necessity and means of adequate ventilation of school-rooms and suitable means of securing the comfort of pupils.

3. TEACHING.—To have a knowledge of Method, and to be able to exemplify the same by notes of lessons on any given subject of instruction.

4. INDUSTRIAL DRAWING.—To show a practical acquaintance with the Manual and Drawing Books prescribed by the Board, and to sketch familiar objects exhibited as models at the time of examination.