

Death has robbed St. George of its venerable schoolmaster, Mr. Thos. O'Malley. He had been in failing health for several months, but was always cheerful and hopeful. During the last few weeks bodily weakness triumphed over the strong will and cheerful spirit, and he was compelled to give up the struggle. The deceased was one of the last representatives in the province of the old-fashioned, warm-hearted, well-educated Irish schoolmaster. For many years he taught school in St. George, nearly every one of the young men of the village having been under his tuition at one time or another. He was greatly beloved for his warm heart and genial qualities, both in the family circle and outside of it. His funeral, which took place on Saturday morning, 10th March, from the R. C. church, was largely attended. Solemn high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Lavery at nine o'clock. The procession was one of the largest ever seen in St. George, all classes and all ages being represented. Nearly one hundred school children, headed by the principal, Mr. Wm. Veazey, walked from the house to the church. Among the floral tributes was a very handsome cross from the teachers and scholars of the schools. Many a tear was shed as the body of the kind-hearted old schoolmaster and friend of boyhood days was committed to the dust.—*St. Andrew's Beacon*.

Since the last issue of the REVIEW, the Commissioners of Schools for Annapolis Royal have taken over from the contractors a new academy which ranks among the finest and most convenient structures of the kind in western Nova Scotia. It cost complete about \$10,000. There are eight large, well-lighted and well ventilated class rooms, in connection with each of which are two commodious cloak rooms. There is in addition a laboratory for the use of the academic department. The rooms are supplied with new and approved furniture. This building, together with its grounds, which are probably the finest school grounds in Nova Scotia, forms a school property highly creditable to the town of Annapolis Royal and which is not surpassed by that of any town of equal size in Nova Scotia. The staff of teachers now occupying this fine building are, Principal J. N. Creed, Mr. Joseph H. Crowe, Miss Bertha Ruggles, Miss C. Louise Harris, and Miss Martha Jack, all of whom are experienced and efficient teachers. Mr. Crowe and Miss Harris have been in the employ of this section for about ten years past.

By means of a pie social and a "geographical party," the Lower Woodstock, Carleton county, school, Miss Emma Dorcus, teacher, has realized the sum of \$15.41, with which the interior of the school house has been renovated and greatly improved. For the "geographical party," which was principally for the pupils, each came representing a county, town, or other place. One represented Andover by "And" printed on a card upside down; another represented Lowell by the letter "L" pinned on the bottom of a skirt; another Washington by the picture of a line of clothes and "2000 lbs." printed under; and so on. All were provided with pencils and paper; and at the end of the time allowed for guessing, the pupil who had the greatest number of correct answers was awarded the prize.

Mr. Judson F. Clarke, M. A., of Bay View, Digby, N. S., instructor in physiological botany, Cornell University, has been appointed one of the instructors in botany at the Cornell Summer School at Ithaca.

A fine programme has been arranged for the Annapolis and Digby Teachers' Institute which is held the 11th and 12th of this month at Middleton, N. S.

Under the direction of the teacher, Mrs. M. S. Cox, Anagance Ridge school, Kings county, N. B., has, by a concert, raised twenty-one dollars, which, with the government bonus, will be used to provide a school library.

The Berwick, N. S., school has contributed \$11.25 to the Indian Famine Fund. The school at Baxter's Harbor, Kings county, N. S., Miss Winnifred Sullivan, teacher, has raised four dollars, and the schools of Wolfville twenty dollars for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

By means of a pie social at Mount Middleton, Kings county, N. B., Mr. G. Leonard McCain, the teacher, raised \$12.60, which was spent in procuring minerals and chemicals for the school. The trustees, during the last holidays, sheathed the inside of the school-room and placed blackboard surface around the room. This makes the building very comfortable and the school is now well equipped with apparatus for teaching.

### RECENT BOOKS.

These are the reminiscences<sup>1</sup> of a teacher who delights to recall the pleasures as well as the trials of a long experience in school. The twelve stories are nearly all about boys; and the teacher who reads of their peculiarities, their strength and weaknesses, will recognize counterparts either in the boys who went to school with him, or those who have been with him as pupils. The book is a suggestive one for teachers.

This series of readers<sup>2</sup> is an attempt to reproduce in simple language the results of teaching by observation and experiment some of the simplest phenomena of everyday life—earth, air, water, plants, animals, etc. The readings take the form of familiar talks at home, and are so arranged as to present a consecutive course leading from the simplest natural phenomena in Part I to what is more special in Part II. In the latter the pupils, in the same attractive way, recall how by modelling and other forms of representation, they have been led to consider the different forms of land and water—the sea, hills, valleys, rivers, islands, lakes, etc. The books are very suggestive of the way all such subjects as nature study and geography may be rendered so interesting that children will delight to talk about them at home, thus becoming a vehicle of language teaching, and drawing closer the bond between the home and the school.

Macmillan's Geography Readers<sup>3</sup> contain a series of stories in which ideas of political divisions, the form and shape of the earth, the sun's course in the heavens, the succession of the seasons, etc., are treated with great simplicity of style and language. They are for young children and will serve for useful supplementary reading.

<sup>1</sup> TALES TOLD OUT OF SCHOOL. By Edward S. Ellis, A. M. Price \$1.00. C. W. Bardeen, Publisher. Syracuse, N. Y.

<sup>2</sup> COMBINED READERS IN ELEMENTARY SCIENCE AND GEOGRAPHY. By Vincent T. Murché. Books I and II. Price 1s. each. Macmillan and Company, Publishers, London.

<sup>3</sup> MACMILLAN'S GEOGRAPHY READERS. Books I and II. Price 10d and 1s. The Macmillan Company, London. 1899.