

of the Rev. Mr. Reindeau have been secured to take the more advanced French course, which will be a great advantage to the pupils of the institution, while the Rev. Mr. Reindeau continues to give lessons in sacred history and elocution.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

*The Psychology of children*.—A correspondent of the *Folk-Lore Journal* suggests to anthropologists the desirability of investigating the psychology of children, whose early conceptions of things present analogies to the beliefs of lower races. The study of the thoughts of individual children may, the *Athenæum* remarks, lead to just inference respecting those of mankind in pre-historic times. Professor Stanley Hall, in America, is making preparation for extensive inquiries into the matter, and our own Folk-Lore Society has referred it to a committee.—*The Schoolmaster*.

*St. Andrews and Female Education*.—The examinations for the LL.A. degree granted to women by the University of St. Andrews appear to be prospering. There were as many as 440 candidates this year. The standard of attainment, both in the pass and the honours examinations, is the same as that required for the M.A. degree. Any candidate who passes in five subjects (one of them a language), or who gains honours in one subject and passes in other three (one of the four being a language), receives the title of LL.A. In 1877 there were nine candidates, of whom three received the diploma of LL.A. This year seventy-six such diplomas were awarded.—*The Athenæum*.

*Hygiene in England a subject of instruction*.—The Lords of the Committee of Council on Education, have added hygiene to the list of sciences towards instruction in which aid is afforded by the Science and Art Department. The following is syllabus of the subjects:—Elementary stage: (1) food, diet, and cooking; (2) water and beverages; (3) air; (4) removal of waste and impurities; (5) shelter and warming; (6) local conditions; (7) personal hygiene; (8) treatment of slight wounds and accidents. Advanced stage: (1) food and adulterations; (2) water and beverages; (3) examination of air—chemical and microscopical; (4) removal of waste and impurities; (5) shelter and warming; (6) local conditions; (7) personal hygiene; (8) prevention of disease. Honours.—In addition to the topics enumerated under the elementary and advanced stages, questions will be set in the following subjects:—Trades nuisances, vital statistics, sanitary law. Teachers who obtain the requisite success in hygiene, in May 1884, will be eligible to earn payments on the results of instruction which they may subsequently give in that subject. Meanwhile, medical practitioners whose names appear in the register of the general council of medical education of the United Kingdom. will, on application, be registered as duly qualified according to the rules.—*The Schoolmaster*.