

ful and practical character, and, in course of them, the chairman brought under the notice of teachers present the valuable work on Domestic Economy recently published by Catherine Beecher and Mrs. H. B. Stow, and also an able paper on the nature and purposes of Object Lessons by Miss Lathrop, which appeared in the October number of the *Ohio Educational Monthly* for 1870.

Towards the close of this session, the members present were called upon to choose a place for the next annual meeting and to elect the officers of the Association for the ensuing year.

Meanwhile, Mr. Wilkie of Quebec opportunely addressed the meeting on the advantages to be derived from holding these assemblies of teachers in the cities on account of the greater facilities of access to public libraries, museums and collections of works of art, and, above all, the greater certainty of enjoying the co-operation of the ablest and most experienced professional teachers as well as of educated persons, whose services in the cause of education it was desirable to enlist as frequently as possible. Mr. Wilkie referred to the opportunity afforded in the cities of examining complete sets of school text books exhibited by the different booksellers, and such as were spread out for inspection upon the tables in the apartment in which they were at the moment in session. This latter suggestion told well upon the minds of teachers presents, for at the close of the meeting the teachers crowded round the tables and spent a considerable time in examining the text books.

On the motion of Mr. Shonyo of the Barnston Academy, seconded by another teacher from the Eastern Townships, Richmond was selected as the next place of meeting, and Dr. Graham of St. Francis College was elected President of the Association, by a majority of votes, for the ensuing year. Mr. Hicks, junr., Principal of the Model School attached to McGill Normal School, and Professor McGregor of the Normal School, were unanimously re-elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. The meeting then adjourned.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF AN EMINENT SULPICIAN.

On the 20th day of October there died in the beleaguered city of Paris a man whose loss will be long felt and deeply mourned. On that day, the Sulpician Order lost one of its brightest ornaments, the Rev. Mr. Faillon, for many years Visitor of the Order, and a writer second to none of our contemporaries in the noble branch of literature which he pursued from youth to age. Mr. Faillon was eminently and distinctively a Christian writer, and a devoted student of the Christian past: whether studying, investigating, journeying in pursuit of the sacred lore which his gifted pen so successfully recorded, or writing the lives of eminent servants of God, and the history of Christian times and events, he did all for the glory of God and the honor of religion. In the deep quiet of the monastic state he labored, like so many of the monks of old, to promote Christian knowledge and sanctify his own soul, while recording the heroic virtues of other friends of God in the ages passed away. His thoughts, his efforts, were directed ever to the hallowed past of France and Canada, while walking ever in the presence of God, and the daily practice of the evangelical counsels that lead to perfection.

Mr. Faillon's best known works are the Life of Sister Marguerite Bourgeoys, foundress of the Congregation of Our Lady; the Life of Madame d'Youville, foundress of the Grey Nuns, and of Jeanne Manse, foundress of the Hotel Dieu; his last and greatest work,—which we fear he did not live to complete,—being *L'Histoire de la Colonie Française en Canada*, a voluminous work of vast historical and a chæological interest.

In Mr. Faillon, the Sulpicians, both here and in France, have lost one of the most exemplary members of their venerable Community, and Catholic literature a most faithful and devoted toiler in its cause.

—N.-Y. Tablet.

MR. A. S. RITCHIE.

It is our melancholy duty to record the death of Mr. A. S. Ritchie, a gentleman well known in Montreal as a zealous naturalist, as well as a most industrious man of business. He had been for many years in the establishment of Messrs. J. G. Mackenzie and Co., St. Paul street, and was a native of St. Andrews, Fifeshire, Scotland. He was chairman of the Council of the Montreal Natural History Society and an active member of the Microscopic Club. He was also a large contributor to the *Canadian Naturalist*, and one of its editing committee. His loss will be deeply regretted by a large circle of co-workers in science, by many personal friends, and by the young men connected with Erskine Church, in whose interest he had recently been so active.—*Witness*.

Current Exchanges and Books Received.

Littell's Living, No. 1386, December 24, 1870

THE PUBLISHERS OF LITTELL'S LIVING AGE announce that they will begin, with the new year, the publication of a serial story, entitled "Seed-Time and Harvest, or During My Apprenticeship," translated specially for them from the *Platt-deutsch* of the distinguished poet and novelist, FRITZ REUTER. No German author of the present time is more popular in his own country than Reuter, and by many he is considered "the most popular German writer of the last half century." His stories are written in *Platt-deutsch*, a dialect of North Germany, and the English writer, Charles Lee Lewes, says that "the Germans of the more Southern States, where *Platt-deutsch* is unknown, now frequently learn it for the sole purpose of reading Reuter's works." Reuter is especially noted as the rare humorist, the genuine poet and the fascinating delineator of the lives of his *Platt-deutsch* neighbors, and as such is probably more beloved than any other German author of the day. The story in question is said to be one of his best works, giving us a charming acquaintance with the quaint, interesting *Platt-deutsch* people. The publication of the translation is announced to be begun in the first number of *The Living Age* for 1871, and to be continued from week to week until it is completed.

The Living Age for 1871 will also contain serial stories by GEORGE MACDONALD and other distinguished English authors, together with the usual amount of the best scientific and literary matter of the day, making in all more than three thousand large pages of reading matter a year. The last two numbers of 1870, containing the beginning of Geo. MacDonald's story, are promised *gratis* to all new subscribers for 1871.

The subscription price of this sixty-four page weekly magazine is \$8, but for ten dollars any one of the American \$4 magazines is sent with *The Living Age* for a year. Littell & Gay, Boston, are the publishers.

The Nursery, a monthly magazine for youngest readers.—Prospectus for 1871.

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STEIGER'S LITERARISCHER MONATSBERICHT is the title of a German monthly magazine, published by E. Steiger, 22 and 24 Frankfort street, New York, and devoted to the movements of current German literature. It is replete with information respecting new German books and periodicals. The publisher imports German works to order, having regular weekly and semi-weekly arrivals from Bremen and Hamburg.

THE NATIONAL TEACHER, December, 1870.

THE CINCINNATI MEDICAL REPERTORY, December 1870.

THE NATIONAL NORMAL, an Educational Monthly, December, 1870. Vol. II, No. 12. Edited and Published by R. H. Holbrook, No. 176, Elm street, Cincinnati, O.

THE ILLINOIS TEACHER, devoted to Education, Science and Free Schools, December, 1870.

THE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY, devoted to Popular Instruction and Literature, December, 1870.

THE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL JOURNAL, Organ of the State Teacher's Association, and of the Department of Common Schools, December, 1870.

APPETON'S JOURNAL of Literature, Science and Art, January, 1871.

THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOLMASTER, December, 1870.

THE CALIFORNIA TEACHER, a Journal of School and Home Education and Official Organ of the Department of Public Instruction, December, 1870.

THE YOUNG CRUSADER, Vol. II, No. 12, December 1870.

THE MAINE JOURNAL OF EDUCATION, December, 1870.

THE MASSACHUSETTS TEACHER, a Journal of School and Home Education, December, 1870.

THE WESTERN EDUCATIONAL REVIEW, November, 1870. E. F. Hobart and Co., Publishers, 794 Chestnut street, St. Louis, Mo.

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY, an Illustrated Magazine for the people; Conducted by J. G. Holland, Vol. I. No. 3.

THE WEEKLY SPIRIT OF THE TIMES AND NORTHAMPTON EDUCATOR, December, 1870.

THE MANUFACTURER AND BUILDER, December, 1870. A good number.

THE TECHNOLOGIST,—especially devoted to Engineering, Manufacturing and Building, December, 1870,—contains some twenty-four articles,—five of them illustrated.

THE MINNESOTA TEACHER AND JOURNAL OF EDUCATION, organ of the