

Mr. Hugh Morrison, one of the oldest and most respected teachers of Charlotte County, and lately the teacher at Old Ridge, was recently thrown from his sleigh and died from the injuries he sustained.

Miss Carrie L. Thompson, assisted by her pupils and others, has been able to add ninety volumes to her already excellent school library at Crocker Hill, Charlotte County.

Miss Annie E. Simpson, teacher at Lambert's Cove, Deer Island, has raised money enough to purchase an elegant school flag.

Miss Mabel Fanjoy, teacher at Nerepis, Kings County, and Miss Rene Kirk, teacher at South Bay, St. John County, have, by means of successful school entertainments, been able to add largely to their school apparatus.

In the suburbs of Amherst there is a school with a mixed population. Among the sixty-four in attendance there are eight Indians, twelve negroes. No color line here; a *miscellaneous* school, truly.

Inspector Smith is visiting the schools of Kent County this month.

BOOK REVIEWS.

CHESTERFIELD'S LETTERS, abridged by Edward Ginn from edition of Chas. Sayle; with life, by M. F. Wheaton; pages 115; price 30 cents. Ginn & Co., publishers, Boston, Mass. These famous letters, from Lord Chesterfield to his son at school, remarkable at once for their pure English style, the excellent, though cold and formal, advice in them, should be read by all teachers and parents, if only for the sound worldly wisdom contained in them.

THE THEORY OF EDUCATION, Wm. T. Harris, U. S. Commissioner of Education. Paper, pp. 54, price 15 cents, C. W. Bardeen, publisher, Syracuse, N. Y. What Commissioner Harris writes on education is worth reading. This is no exception, it is a strong plea for more life and less formalism in education; more live teachers, fewer pedants.

PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION, by Rev. Malcolm MacVicar, Ph.D., LL.D., Chancellor of McMaster University, Toronto. Cloth, pp. 178, price 70 cents, Ginn & Co., publishers, Boston, Mass. This work, dealing with the problems of education in the form of propositions, to which brief notes and explanations full of suggestions are given, will be found of great assistance to teachers.

GREEK-ENGLISH WORD LIST, containing about 1,000 most common Greek words, by Robt. Baird, Professor in Greek in Northwestern University. Cloth, pp. 43; price 35 cents. Boston, Ginn & Co., publishers. Word lists, to be committed to memory, are not, as a general thing, profitable for the student, but one is forced to change his opinions on looking over this list. Two points are kept in view by the author. 1st, to bring together words of common origin; and 2nd, to associate words closely by their meaning. This he does in a way to arouse the interest of the reader, and at

the same time to make a philologist of him. The plan is an admirable one, and any Greek student may use this as a basis to increase the list at pleasure. The printing of the Greek text is done in the excellent style so characteristic of the Messrs. Ginn & Company.

THE TEXT-BOOKS OF COMENIUS. An address delivered before the Department of Superintendents of the New England Association, at Brooklyn, by Dr. Maxwell, Superintendent of Brooklyn Schools. Price 25 cents. C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse, N. Y. To those who cannot afford to purchase the recently issued edition of *Orbis Pictus*, this address will be very welcome, as giving a very fair idea of the most famous school book ever printed. The frontispiece is a finely executed likeness of the great educator. We quote a sentence or two from Dr. Maxwell: "The evolution of text-books has progressed just in proportion as their writers have followed the laws of investigation in natural science. That such an evolution has progressed and is still progressing there can be no doubt. The spelling book and many other school books are but the reversion to primitive barbarism that accompany every form of evolution, whether physical, intellectual or social."

GINN & COMPANY'S WRITING BOOKS are the best we have seen in slant writing. By their use the pupil is taught to *write* letters instead of drawing them. Simplicity in the form of letters helps to rapidity. The "get-up" of the series is superior.

SELECT SPEECHES OF DANIEL WEBSTER, by A. J. George, A. M., Newton High School. D. C. Heath & Co. Price \$1.50. We would recommend this book for every school library. Every teacher should read it aloud to himself or his friends, in order to have it produce the best effect upon him. Those who are able to read masterpieces such as we find here will not feel so much the loss arising from an inability to read Demosthenes and Cicero. The notes are sufficient to give the necessary historic setting.

BUSINESS BOOK-KEEPING, a manual of modern methods in recording business transactions. High school edition. Double and single entry, by George E. Gay. Published by Ginn & Co. Price \$1.55. A good treatise on business book-keeping, thoroughly mastered and well taught by practical, wide-awake teachers, would be of incalculable benefit to our high school boys and girls. This book is one of the very good ones. It is designed to furnish work for one year, but shorter courses can be conveniently arranged from it. The methods taught are of the most approved and practical kind. Samples of the best forms for all books and business documents are shown in neat, plain business handwriting, furnishing perfect models of penmanship which would be an inspiration to scholars. Explanations are profuse, generally clear, and always followed by well-graded examples. A series of questions is appended to each section. The sets worked out are taken from a variety of businesses, whole sale and retail, the peculiarities of each being well illustrated and provided for. An occasional statement has to be modified for Canadian students, e. g., "when the last day of grace falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the note is due