

Mr. W. J. Wilson, formerly of the Leinster Street school, St. John, now of the Canadian Geological Survey, has successfully completed the course of scientific study leading up to the degree of bachelor of philosophy in Wesleyan University, Illinois. Mr. Wilson has been engaged for over six years on this course, and we congratulate him heartily on its successful completion.

The new school building in St. John, on Erin street, will not be occupied before the first of the next year.

In the N. B. Matriculation Examination, forty-six applied, and only fifteen passed unconditionally, twenty-two passed conditionally, and nine failed absolutely. None passed in the first division. The following passed in second division:

Passed in Division II, 50 to 75 per cent.—Jessie L. Lawson, Victoria High School; Mary E. Clark, Victoria High School; Ida P. Hanington, Victoria High School; John Hales Sweet, Harkin's Academy, Newcastle; Harriet S. Comben, St. Andrews; Frank O. Erb, Grammar School, St. John; Charles C. Blanche, Sussex; Jessie B. Henry, St. Stephen; Edward Elliot, St. Andrews; Ethel Brittain, Fredericton; Dio H. Frzeze, Campbellton; Alice M. Crilley, St. Stephen; Sadie Laffin, St. Stephen.

At the closing examination of the Collegiate School, Fredericton, Miss Ethel Brittain won the Douglas Silver Medal for general proficiency and excellence in classics.

The academy of science in Paris, France, has elected Professor Simon Newcomb, the distinguished astronomer, a native of Wallace, N. S., its foreign associate in place of the late Professor Helmholtz. Professor Newcomb is a son of the late John Newcomb, who taught school at Wallace for many years.

#### BOOK REVIEWS.

HOW CANADA IS GOVERNED, by J. G. Bourinot, C. M. G., LL. D., etc., cloth, pp. 344. Published by the Copp, Clark Company, Limited, Toronto. This is a valuable book to all students of Canadian history. It aims to present in a small compass an account of the executive, legislative, judicial and municipal institutions of Canada, with an historical outline of their origin and development. There are numerous illustrations, chiefly of legislative buildings, with a map of the Dominion. The book traces our constitutional history from the days of Champlain to the present year. It is quite safe to say that no man in Canada could write such a work as well as Dr. Bourinot has done it. He is recognized as our highest constitutional authority. Added to this, his clear, vigorous and polished style gives an interest to what, in other hands, might have been dry and formal. No library, public or private, will be complete without this book.

THE NEW GRADATIM, by Wm. C. Collar, cloth, pp. 189; price 55 cents, for introduction. Publishers, Ginn & Co., Boston. This is an excellent book for the teacher to supply supplementary work in the first and second year's course in Latin. Important principles of grammar and the elements of syntax are illustrated in the graded passages given.

COUNSELS TO PREACHERS.—This is the title of a little brochure containing extracts from the charges of the late Bishop Medley. It has a preface by the Rev. J. de-Soyres, and is printed by E. G. Nelson & Co., St. John. It might have had for its title, counsels to teachers as well as preachers, as the extract by a correspondent in another column may show. No one can read the earnest words of this eminent preacher without catching some of his earnest spirit.

BOOKS AND WRITERS OF NEW BRUNSWICK, by W. G. McFarlane, A. B., 165 Princess Street, St. John, N. B. Paper; price 50 cents, postage free. Mr. McFarlane has done excellent service in collecting and presenting to the public in such a convenient form what is known of New Brunswick writers. The book has cost much labor and research on the part of the author, and Mr. McFarlane is to be congratulated on the completeness of his work.

FOUR YEARS OF NOVEL READING, by Richard G. Moulton, M. A., Ph. D., Professor of English literature in the University of Chicago. Price 50 cents. Publishers, D. C. Heath & Co., Boston. This is an account of an experiment made by the Backworth Classical Novel-Reading Union, and the results that are summed up are of a most interesting character.

PLATO'S CRITO, and part of the PHÆDO, with introduction and notes by Chas. Haines Keene, M. A. Pp. 127; price 2s. 6d. Publishers, Macmillan & Co., London and New York. The special features of this little book of the "Elementary Classics" series are the fulness of the notes and the excellence of the print and binding.

HOMER'S ODYSSEY, Book VI. Edited for the use of schools by Chas. W. Bain, University School, Petersburg, Pa. Publishers, Ginn & Co., Boston. This is a convenient edition for students in the "School Classics" series, with introduction, vocabulary and notes. The notes are especially excellent, full of parallel passages and historical allusions.

THE HAMILTON DECLAMATION QUARTERLY, Vol. I, No. 1. April, 1895. Published by C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse, N. Y. This is made up of a series of passages for declamation, preceded by an introduction, which gives some valuable hints for readers.

LAMB'S ESSAYS OF ELIA, edited, with introduction and notes, by N. L. Hallward, M. A. (Cantab.), and S. C. Hill, B. A., B. Sc. (Lond.), pages 370; Price 3s. Publishers, Macmillan & Co., London and New York. The essays of Elia are delicious bits of wit, humor and fun combined. They will never grow old with those who can intelligently appreciate the real article, as distinguished from the many spurious imitations that too often pass for wit and humor in these days. The editors, in their admirable introduction, give us an insight to Lamb's inner life, with its joys and sorrows, which he bore with philosophic indifference. The "Essays," in their new dress, with what the editors have done to illustrate their quaintness and interest, will be none the less welcome than the well-worn pages that have grown more and more dear the oftener they have been read.