

of the sketches, while the very beautiful engravings themselves are executed in a manner and with a skill that has never been approached in Canada before. The late Dr. J. G. Holland saw the advance sheets, and expressing his surprise at their beauty, said that next to *Scribner's* they were the best he had ever seen, and that was the very highest encomium he could pass upon them. This alone is very high testimony as to the merit of the pictorial department of the work.

But it is not as a work of art alone that "Picturesque Canada" is to be praised and valued. The letter press—historical and descriptive—is in the hands of some of our best writers, under the direction of Principal Grant of this University, who furnishes the historical part of the work. It may justly be said that, as a history, the volumes before us take precedence in very many respects, of our best Canadian works. The histories of Parkman and others are valuable, but it has seemed to us that they very frequently fail to do justice to the different classes and beliefs referred to, so we are struck by the liberality and breadth of view noticeable throughout this work, in the discussions of early Canadian history, and which, coupled with a patriotic fervour and vigor of narrative, make the work extremely interesting and instructive. "Picturesque Canada" has had a large sale both in this country and Britain. The members of the Royal family have expressed their appreciation of it by ordering a large number of volumes, and it will without doubt be the most popular work published in this country.

The names of the writers for "Picturesque Canada" which we have as yet heard of are Mr. J. G. Creighton, B.A., of Montreal, Miss A. M. Machar, of Kingston, and the Rev. Charles Pelham Mulvaney, of Toronto. ("Picturesque Canada," edited by Principal Grant, Queen's University, Art Publishing Company, Toronto.)

CHEMISTRY FOR INTERMEDIATES—The little work before us seems peculiarly adapted for the purpose designed,—lessening the labour of note-making on the part of teachers, and of note-taking on the part of pupils. The Chemistry text-books in vogue can be used to advantage by teachers alone, who retail the contents to their pupils in the form of lectures and notes. Mr. Knight, we think, has succeeded admirably in his attempt to give the contents of the text-books in a condensed form, that is, as far as they relate to High School work—the chief principles of Chemical Physics, with notes on the principal elements and their compounds.

That the publishers recognize the value of this work is shown by the fact that they have undertaken the whole responsibility of its publication, giving the author a royalty on each copy sold. (Chemistry for Intermediates, by A. P. Knight, M. A., Rector and Science Master, Kingston Collegiate Institute. Toronto, Copp, Clark & Co.)

We have received a copy of No. 30 of the Humboldt Library Series of Popular Science, "On the Study of Words" by Archbishop Trench, of Dublin. The book

is a compilation of lectures delivered in the author's polished and yet perspicuous style. It is needless to say that the reading is intensely interesting to a student of philology, and at the same time sufficiently interesting to captivate an ordinary lover of the beauties of language. The publishers of the Humboldt series have materially aided the diffusion of scientific knowledge by the publication of the present cheap series, (Fitzgerald & Co., New York.)

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

WE give below the official announcement of the result of the examinations in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. The examinations were held in Convocation Hall from the 21st to 25th of March, and in accordance with the new regulations were divided into Primary, Intermediate and Final.

SECOND YEAR (WITHOUT ORAL.)

H. R. Duff, Kingston.
R. N. Fraser, Westmeath.
T. Cumberland, Rosamont.
A. Forin, Belleville.

WITH ORAL.

W. H. Bullis, Chatham.
E. Foxton, Kingston.
W. J. Webster, Napanee.
R. C. Cartwright, Kingston.
D. H. Mackie, Belleville.
H. J. Williams, Rose Hall.
H. J. Emery, Rutherford.
E. S. Roy, Picton.

THIRD YEAR (WITHOUT ORAL.)

J. F. Kidd, Kingston.
W. Young, Carlow.
W. G. Anglin, Kingston.
T. A. Moore, Kingston.
A. McMurphy, Pembroke.
H. M. Froiland, Kingston.
John Cryan.

WITH ORAL.

C. Clancy, Wallaceburg.
Dr. Hickey, Kingston.
L. T. Davis, Kingston.
G. S. McGhie, Elgin.
A. J. Grange, Napanee.
J. Smith.
W. Hall, Villa Nova.

FINAL EXAMINATION FOR M.D. (WITHOUT ORAL.)

R. W. Garrett, Kingston.
D. B. Rutherford, Belleville.
J. M. Stewart, Portsmouth.
A. P. Cornell, Portsmouth.
C. E. Jarvis, Nilestown.
H. Knox.

WITH ORAL.

R. S. Anglin, Kingston.
A. D. Cameron, Lancaster.
G. H. Denike, Belleville.
H. N. Macdonald, Lake Ainslie, N.B.
A. A. Mordy, Almonte.
J. T. Reeve, Clinton.

The first three of the final men were equal.

Messrs. Cameron and Reeve have an additional examination in chemistry before obtaining their degrees.