

Moncton is an excellent one. It is ten years since the Institute met in that city, and its educational progress during the decade furnishes a remarkable object lesson in fine buildings, efficiency of schools, and public spirit and liberality in maintaining them.

Mr. B. P. Steeves, who has recently taught the Superior School at Buctouche, Kent County, has been appointed principal of the Elgin, Albert County, Superior School, which in times past has been one of the foremost schools of the province. Mr. Steeves may be relied on to keep the school up to its old time efficiency.

The closing exercises of Acacia Villa school took place on Tuesday the 19th December. This well known educational institution is situated in the historic village of Grand Pre, and is presided over by the Nestor among our teachers—Principal A. McN. Patterson, A. M., who for over fifty years has devoted himself to teaching, and whose vigor, geniality, and power to inspire, show no sign of abatement. Features of the closing were an elaborate dinner prepared for the pupils and a few guests, an after dinner programme consisting of an eloquent address by Dr. Benjamin Russell, M. P., music, essays, recitations, through all of which there was a strong martial sentiment, as well as a feeling of loyalty and attachment for the school and its venerable and respected principal.

JANUARY MAGAZINES.

The *Atlantic Monthly* is a magazine for the student and thinker, and for those who have a serious purpose and interest even in their reading of periodicals. The January number gives striking evidence of its earnest and progressive spirit. Among its educational articles are the opening chapters of the autobiography of W. J. Stillman, the distinguished scholar, traveller, and man of letters. His frank statement of his boyhood and early education is instructive reading for teachers. . . . The *Century* magazine is rich in full-page pictures, many of them in tints. These last occur in the decorations of Mr. Kipling's poem, "In the Matter of One Compass," and especially in the reproductions of photographs of Antarctic scenery accompanying Frederick A. Cook's account of the two years' exploring expedition of the "Belgica." The great work that is being done at Tuskegee Institute for the elevation of the negro race is set forth very convincingly by President Washington, who is laboring no less effectively for the good of the whites than for that of the colored population of the south. . . . In *St. Nicholas* the department of Nature and Science, conducted by Edward F. Bigelow, teems with tidbits about birds and frost and flowers. The out-door studies of the school children of Washington, D. C., are described by Elizabeth V. Brown, in an article profusely illustrated from photographs. . . . The *Chautauquan* for January has some articles that are of great interest to teachers—How Life in a Country Town was made Social, How to Interest Children in Good Reading, Critical Studies in American Literature (Longfellow's Evangeline), and other useful things. . . . If, as some think, Mr. Rudyard Kipling has been the subject of too much laudation, a wholesome corrective is afforded in the keen and biting treatment which he receives at the hands of Mr. Robert Buchanan, in the paper called *The Voice* of "The Hooligan,"

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which the *Living Age* for January 6th reprints from the *Contemporary Review*. The true estimate of Kipling lies somewhere between the extreme of laudation and such unsparing criticism as this. . . . The January number of the *Delineator*, which is called the century number, begins the fifty-fifth volume, and it exhibits a marked advancement in many details. There is, as usual, a complete presentation of the season's fashionable modes, a varied selection of literary features and a generous amount of general household matter. . . . In the *Ladies' Home Journal* Edward Bok writes in protest against "A National Crime at the Feet of American Parents," and in contrast is shown "The New Idea in Teaching Children." A score or more articles of special value to women touch every phase of home-making. By The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. One dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

N. B. Education Department.—Official Notices.

I. DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS.

(a) *Closing Examinations for License*.—The Closing Examinations for License, and for Advance of Class, will be held at the Normal School, Fredericton, and at the Grammar School Buildings in St. John and Chatham, beginning on Tuesday, the 12th day of June, 1900.

The English Literature required for First Class candidates is Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," and selections from Keats, Shelley, and Byron as found in *Select Poems*, published by the W. J. Gage Co., 1896.

(b) *Normal School Entrance Examinations and Preliminary Examinations for Advance of Class*.—These examinations will be held at the usual stations throughout the Province, beginning on Tuesday, July 3rd, 1900, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The requirements for the several classes will be the same as last year, except that Candidates for First Class will be examined on the First, Second and Third Books of Geometry and Algebra to the end of Quadratic Equations.