

receiving Grade Superior Diplomas were as follows:—Maggie Moody, of Halifax; Lizzie N. Hibbert, of Yarmouth; Sara Creelman, of Stewiacke; Jessie Rettie, of Truro; Bessie Warner, of Halifax; Blanche McLatchy, of Windsor; Lily A. Scott, of Newport; Elizabeth Stewart, of Pictou; Jessie McQueen, of Sutherland's River.

Following the regular exercises were addressed of an informal character from several of the visitors present. The Provincial Secretary gave eloquent expression to his gratification at being present; and reviewing the educational occurrences of the year, congratulated the Province on the willingness of her public men "to bury the hatchet" of party warfare when considering the claims and interest of education. The Hon. Mr. Langley emphasized the importance of physical culture and of attention to the amenities of speech and behavior on the part of both pupils and teachers. Sir Adams Archibald interestingly advocated the claims of arboriculture, while Chief Superintendent Crockett spoke in warm terms of the meritorious character of the exercises of the day. Drs. Allison and Rand also made brief speeches.

Literary Chit-Chat.

Messrs. Ginn & Co. have in press and will issue about Aug. 15th a new work entitled "A Handbook of Poetics": by Francis B. Gummere, Ph.D., Head Master of the Swain Free School, New Bedford, Mass., and formerly Instructor in English in Harvard College. The book is designed to supply the lack of a good textbook on the science of poetry, such as are in use in the German schools. It is claimed that to make poetics a branch of instruction in literature is not to complicate, but to simplify, the work of that department.

The Normal Book Concern, of Ladoga, Ind., announces the publication of the second of a series of School Helps, of which "United States History Outlined" was the first. Number Two will be "Civil Government Outlined." It will consist of a complete topical analysis of Civil Government in general, and of The United States Constitution. It is a commendable fact that teachers everywhere are taking a lively interest in this important branch of study. "Civil Government Outlined" will be ready for distribution in a few days. Price by mail, 10 cents.

The transactions of the Hamilton Association now going through the press are to contain a monograph on Canadian Ornithology, by Thomas McLivraith, Superintendent of the Ontario District for the Migration Committee of the American Ornithologists' Union. The paper will give in detail the habitat, technical and common name, and a description of the nest and eggs of two hundred and seventy Canadian birds, and cannot fail to be of great interest and value to students on ornithology.

Messrs. Cupples, Upham & Co., are about publishing a little book by William H. Rideing, entitled "Thackeray's London, His Haunts and the Scenes of His Novels," which will no doubt prove very attractive to all admirers of the great humorist and novelist.

MacMillan's Magazine for July opens with "An Australian Appeal to the English Democracy," by Bernard Wise. The paper may be described as a fresh attempt to solve the Imperial Federation problem, but the writer is far more successful in pointing out the difficulties in the way of any other project than in proving the feasibility of his own.

"Free Niagara," from the Art-Printing Works of Matthews, Northrop & Co., Buffalo, N. Y., is not only a beautifully illustrated guide to the wonders of Niagara, now thrown open to the public in the Free Park which New York has so generously established, but is also a proof of wonderful business enterprise and energy, as coming from an establishment which was almost totally destroyed by fire on the 16th of April last.

Question Drawer.

QUESTIONS.

Will you kindly inform me where I can find the following pieces of poetry:—(1) "Alum Ben Adhem," by Leigh Hunt; (2) "The Children's Home," by Longfellow; (3) New Year's Eve, "Ring Out Wild Bells," by Tennyson; (4) "There's a Good Time Coming," by Charles Mackay.

F. G. H. B.

1. To whom can I apply to get full information concerning educational matters in Dakota?

2. Concerning Idaho?

3. Give solution of following:—A man borrows \$1,000 at six per cent. interest, principal and interest to be paid in ten equal annual instalments. What will each instalment be? A SUBSCRIBER.

1. Please give solution of Problem 57, Ex. LXXVIII, Hamb. Smith's Algebra; (2) of problem 58, same exercise, and (3) problem 61, same exercise, page 163, and oblige
IGNORAMUS.

ANSWERS.

F. G. H. B.—We do not know any book containing all of the extracts referred to. Some of them may be found in the School Readers, e.g. (1) is in Gage's Fourth Reader; (1) and (4) may also be found in *The Town and County Reciter*. The others we do not know where to find outside of the volumes of the respective author's works.

A SUBSCRIBER.—1. Hon. W. H. H. Seadle, Territorial Superintendent of Public Instruction, Yankton, Dakota

2. Hon. James L. Onderdonk, Territorial Superintendent of Public Instruction, Boise City, Idaho.

Literary Review.

THE SEVEN AGAINST TREMER OF AERCHYLAR. With an introduction and notes by Isaac Flagg, Professor in Cornwall University.

This is an attractive edition from the press of Ginn & Company, Boston, Mass. The Greek letter-press is beautifully clear and distinct, the historical and analytical introduction, though brief, is comprehensive and well written, and will be of great service to the youthful student in helping him to trace the deeper meaning of the play, all the way up to the closing scenes in which the division of the chorus and accession of one-half of A to side of Antigone, enabling her to disregard the edict and carry into effect her determination; "restores to the ethical its due elevation above the civil view, and overlays the temporal considerations of the play with the eternal thoughts which the whole trilogy was meant to inculcate." The notes are copious, occupying nearly two-thirds of the whole volume, but probably not too full for beginners. So far as we have been able to examine them they seem to be eminently judicious and helpful.

OBJECT LESSONS ON PLANTS, an Elementary Botany for Primary, Intermediate and Grammar Grades; including a transcript of lessons given in Primary Department, Grammar School No. 49, New York City. A. Lovell & Company, New York. This very useful and handsome manual constitutes part 3 of "Practical Work in the School room," in course of publication by the same company. The explanations in the work before us are simple, the arrangement seems good, and the directions for the aid of the teacher are clear. If this and similar books, for making which our American cousins have such a genius, have any special fault, it would seem to lie in the direction of making the work of the teacher too easy and his way too smooth; and thus tempting him to neglect that vigorous personal study and effort without which the highest success is impossible.

LECTURES ON TEACHING. J. G. Fitch M.A., American edition, Macmillan & Co. It seems almost superfluous to say anything with respect to a work now generally regarded as an authority by the majority of educators. The new edition, however, presents in addition to the thought of the writer, a brief history of the origin of the work, is neatly printed, though perhaps in too small type, and will doubtless become generally circulated amongst the profession that it addresses. To those, if any, who have not yet read Prof. Fitch's lectures we would earnestly recommend this volume. It is the work of a scholarly teacher written in clear, concise, sometimes eloquent style and points out the mistakes of young and thoughtless teachers by dialogues and examples drawn from the result of a careful and extensive course of reading. Delivered as lectures the subject matter possesses that charm of personal interest that pertains to no mere, philosophical dissertation on this great subject, pedagogy. The teacher who reads this work carefully must arise from its perusal refreshed and invigorated, and prepared to perform his responsible duties more intelligently, and hence more satisfactorily than before.

HAND BOOK OF DATES, by Henry C. Brown, Published by A. Lovell & Co., New York. The Handbook of Dates is, as its preface plainly shows, the work of an enthusiast in this sphere. Of late years it has been the custom to regard a knowledge of the exact date of an event as useless information perhaps as the sign of a pedant. The philosophy of history has usurped the place of the good old cram of names and dates. It may be that we are drifting too far from the exact, and are becoming too fond of generalizing from hasty and badly digested information. To supply a convenient handbook for arriving at the exact date of any great event of history and to do this without unnecessary loss of time are the aims of the author both of which he has satisfactorily overtaken. We would recommend this most little work to the student on account of its convenient size and arrangement, and to the general reader because it will enable him to satisfy himself concerning matters that constantly arise in ordinary literature.

Letters addressed to the editor of this paper on matters of interest should always be written with one of Esterbrook's delightful easy-writing pens.