

Mr. J. S. Layton has resigned the principalship of Annapolis Academy to take a course in science in Dalhousie University.

Prof. J. A. Nicholson, M. A., of Montreal, formerly superintendent of education for P. E. Island, has been spending his holidays at the residence of his father, Hon. James Nicholson, Eldon, P. E. I.

Mr. John E. Burke, of Ottawa, visited the schools in St. Peter's Hall, St. John, on Friday, September 1st, and left for home the same evening. Mr. Burke, who is a son of Mr. D. Burke, chairman of the separate school board at Ottawa, spent his vacation in St. John.

The Kings County, N. B., Teachers' Institute will be held at Hampton, on the last Thursday and Friday in September. The same dates are fixed for the Victoria County Institute at Andover.

Kent County Teachers' Institute will meet on Thursday and Friday, October 12th and 13th.

The School for the Blind, Halifax, re-opened on Saturday, September 2nd. Nearly 100 pupils are expected during the present term from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P. E. Island, and Newfoundland. During the vacation various needed improvements and alterations were made in the buildings and grounds.

The P. E. Island Teachers' Association will meet at Charlottetown, during the first week of October.

The N. B. Normal School opened the first week in September with an attendance of over 160 students.

St. John and Charlotte County Teachers' Institutes hold their annual session on the 14th and 15th September, the one at St. John and the other at St. Andrews. The programmes have been published in the REVIEW, and interesting sessions of each institute are expected. The teachers of the adjoining districts in Maine are expected to attend the Charlotte County meeting.

RECENT BOOKS.

Those who cannot afford Webster's International Dictionary, or find it too bulky for convenient reference, will be glad to learn that the publishers of that standard and excellent work have brought out a new dictionary at a lower price and one that will meet the requirements of scholars everywhere. This latest edition of Webster's Dictionary¹ is a handsome, well-bound volume of 1,116 pages, 948 of which are devoted to the vocabulary proper, and its size, convenient for easy reference, combined with its fullness and reliability, make it a most

¹ WEBSTER'S COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY: a Dictionary of the English Language. Giving the derivations, pronunciations, definitions and synonyms of a large vocabulary of the words occurring in literature, art, science, and the common speech, with an appendix containing a copious Scotch glossary, a pronouncing vocabulary of proper names, and various other useful tables, mainly abridged from Webster's International Dictionary. Over 1100 illustrations. 8vo. sheep, cloth, and morocco, 1,116 pp. Prices, with complete reference index, cloth, \$3, sheep, \$4, half morocco, \$5. G. & C. Merriam Co., Springfield, Mass.

useful and desirable dictionary for the busy man and the student. It is in the main abridged from Webster's International Dictionary and retains the essential features of that great work, with all its accuracy, scholarship, clearness, and excellence of arrangement. The definitions are complete, concise and exact. Pronunciation is indicated by a simple and effective method that children can soon understand. In short, it has all the good features of larger dictionaries, without being cumbersome and expensive, packed full of the best material, trust-worthy in definitions, spelling and pronunciation. It is a pleasure to recommend such a dictionary especially to students and schools.

This is the Canadian copyright edition of the latest book¹ by the popular author of "In His Steps," of which over *three million copies* have been sold. This book is marked by the natural realism, the lucid, simple style, and the undertone of deep human and religious feeling, which have made Mr. Sheldon's previous works so immensely popular. The plan of the book is quite original. The story of three lives is ingeniously blended with the interesting questions and answers that merge in "John King's Question Class." The questions, which are wisely answered, are just such questions as arise in the minds of all thoughtful young people. Great lessons relating to conduct and character are presented in an attractive and entertaining manner.

¹ JOHN KING'S QUESTION CLASS: By Charles M. Sheldon. With portrait of the author. The W. J. Gage Co., Toronto, publishers. Paper covers, 30 cents; cloth, 75 cents.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

To be noticed hereafter as time and space may permit.

INTRODUCTORY GEOMETRY, by H. S. MacLean. The Copp, Clark Company, Limited, Publishers, Toronto.

LE ROI DES MONTAGNES, by Edmond About; Edited by Ernest Weekly, M. A. London; Macmillan & Co., publishers.

SEPTEMBER MAGAZINES.

In the *Ladies' Home Magazine* Caroline B. LeRow tells What it means to be a Teacher, and there is a page of pictures of Attractive Decorations for the School Room....In *Littell's Living Age* for Sept. 9th, there is an interesting article for teachers entitled A French Primary School, and an instructive sketch on Paul Kruger, the crafty diplomatist of South Africa....The *Chautauquan* for September ends its twenty-ninth volume. Under new management and editorial direction for the coming year it promises to surpass its previous excellent record...In the *Atlantic Monthly* Jacob A. Riis, in The Genesis of the Gang, explains the manner by which, out of the slum and its surroundings, naturally and inevitably arise the gangs of young ruffians and hoodlums in our great cities. The boys who are given jails for schools and the gutter for a playground, dummies for laws, and the tenement for a home, are the material from which "the Gang" is invariably and inevitably made....In *Appleton's Popular Science Monthly* Tuskegee Institute and its President is the title of an interesting article by M. B. Thrasher. The origin of this unique school, its steady growth, and the good work which it is at present doing for the Southern