

up with boys who only come in for a few months in winter, then the agony begins, and one is put to their wits end.

In an entirely rural community like this, it is impossible to work up a school to any degree of efficiency, owing to the irregularity in attendance. If you can give any suggestions in a matter of this kind they will receive due consideration. Yours sincerely, G. M. D.

Books Received and Reviewed.

LES FRÈRES COLOMBE of Georges de Peyrebrune and LA FÉE of Octave Feuillet, edited by Mr. J. Squair, B.A., of University College, Toronto, and Professor MacGillivray of Queen's College, Kingston. This is one of the Messrs. W. J. Gage and Company's Educational series, and the care with which it has been edited and the neatness with which it has been published is a guarantee that it will be well received by the teachers of modern languages throughout Canada. With the biographical sketch, copious notes and composition exercises which accompany the text, the book is everything that could be desired by teacher or student. The vocabulary at the end of the book has been arranged with the intention of teaching English as well as French.

KERR'S BOOK-KEEPING ; an Elementary Treatise, by Mr. S. Kerr, Principal of the St. John Business College, and published by the Messrs. J. & A. McMillan, St. John, N.B. This is a second edition of a text-book which has been well received in the Maritime Provinces. As a text-book for schools and business colleges, it includes all that the student may require before taking a position in the counting-house, and in every respect is very complete. The review questions will be of great assistance to the teacher while preparing his pupils for an examination, as well as the chapter on the routine connected with Negotiable Papers, and Commercial Forms. A series of Commercial Calculations and Problems adds very much to the value of the book.

LE CIGALE CHEZ LES FOURMIS is a comedy in one act, prepared by Messrs. Legouvé and Labiche, with English notes by Professor Van Daell of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and published by the Messrs. Ginn & Company, Boston. The student of the French language will enjoy this pamphlet edition of a bright selection from the works of two writers, whose names, though seldom mentioned on this side of the Atlantic, are household words in France.

PAST AND PRESENT is the Magazine of the Berthier Grammar School, edited by Mr. P. M. Newton, and printed by Messrs. John Lovell & Son, Montreal. As a current history of the progress of the school it deserves commendation and encouragement, and must be a thorough enjoyment to the "old boys" of this institution, as well as to the boys of the present generation. It is both bright and witty.

SELECTIONS FROM WORDSWORTH, edited by J. E. Wetherell, B.A., Principal of Strathroy Collegiate Institute and published by the