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The fine new academy building at Shelburne has been completed, and is now occupied by the staff of teachers and pupils who, it is needless to say, appreciate their pleasant surroundings. The heating, ventilation, furnishings, and all that tends to the equipment of a modern school, are of the most approved pattern. A valuable library of nearly 1,000 volumes, and an expensive Bausch and Lomb's compound microscope, with all necessary accessories, are among the equipments of the school. The REVIEW congratulates the principal, Mr. C. Stanley Bruce, and his staff, and the people of Shelburne on this evidence of educational progress.

A good audience assembled in the Temperance Hall, Gaagetown, on Friday evening, October 28th, to hear Dr. A. M. Scott, of the University of New Brunswick, who lectured on "Stories of the Rhine." Mr. M. R. Tuttle occupied the chair. In an entertaining manner the lecturer traced the origin of the legends that clustered about that famous river. He remarked that the Grimm brothers did not originate the stories that bear their name, but merely worked up material in the shape of fairy tales that were

commonly related by the peasantry of Germany. He showed that legend-making was still going on in that land, and thought it would be a distinct benefit if in this country the people were a little less matter-of-fact and more imaginative in their habits of thought. He favored the audience with the translation of many of the legends from the German. The proceeds were for the purpose of starting a library for the grammar school.

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