

R. E. Stevenson, Esq., who has taught the P. E. Island, New Glasgow, high school, has resigned his position to take a course in the Kentucky University. On the eve of his departure he was presented by his pupils with a costly watch chain and charm, accompanied by an address.

Inspector Murphy, of Kings County, P. E. Island, after a protracted illness, died at his home, Souris West, on Monday, the 11th ult. Mr. Murphy was a painstaking official and an indefatigable worker. Appointed to the position of school inspector at an early age, he entered upon the duties of his office with much zeal, and performed the work of inspection to the satisfaction of the department.

BOOK REVIEWS.

A WORKING SYSTEM OF CHILD STUDY FOR SCHOOLS, by M. P. E. Groszman, Ph. D., late Superintendent of the Schools of Ethical Culture, New York. Pages 70, price 50 cents. Publisher C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse, N. Y. This is an important book for teachers, dealing with the problems of daily occurrence in the life of the child at school. No parents or teachers can read such a book without realizing in a great degree their responsibility, and forming a clearer estimate of the right plans to be pursued in the proper training and development of child nature.

A MANUAL OF COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC, for use in schools and colleges, by John S. Hart, LL. D., revised edition by Jas. Morgan Hart, Professor of English Philology and Rhetoric in Cornell University, N. Y. Pages 341, price one dollar. Publishers Eldredge and Brother, Philadelphia. This book has several claims for recognition. For nearly a third of a century the original edition has been a standard text book in schools; the present edition adds several new features in addition to treating more concisely and with greater simplicity the text of the preceding edition; the arrangement is admirable,—direct, practical and clear, especially in its treatment of English composition. As a reference book teachers and advanced students will find this meets their requirements to an extent that very few text-books on this subject even approach. The orderly arrangement of the subjects and the clearness of the text are excellent features.

MACMILLAN'S ELEMENTARY LATIN-ENGLISH DICTIONARY, by Rev. G. H. Nall, M. A., assistant master at Westminster School. Pages 432; price 3s. 6d. This has been prepared to meet the wants of young pupils. It is printed in much larger and clearer type than is usually found in dictionaries, which is a very great advantage. It is sufficiently full of examples of words to meet the requirements of those reading Cæsar, Sallust, Nepos, Livy, Cicero, Virgil, Horace, Ovid and some others, and its definitions while concise are sufficiently full.

A HISTORY OF ROME FOR BEGINNERS, by Evelyn S. Shuckburgh, M. A., late Fellow of Emanuel College, Cambridge. Pages 339; cloth; price 3s. 6d. This presents a history of Rome from its foundation to the death of Augustus. It is a very compact and clearly printed volume, with such abundance of maps and illustrations as will make the book pleasing and profitable to young students.

LESSONS IN PLANT LIFE, for little children, by Mrs. H. H. Richardson. Pages 114, price 40 cents. Publishers B. F. Johnson Publishing Co., Richmond, Va. This is an attempt, from the author's own teaching and experience, to make young pupils acquainted with the elements of botany. It insists on original work for the pupil—in observation, drawing, language and a systematic arrangement of the simple principles taught. It is well adapted to stimulate teachers to a better presentation of plant life to young pupils. It is a neatly printed volume, with clear type, but with a crudeness and lack of naturalness in its illustrations.

NOVEMBER MAGAZINES.

The opening contribution in the *Atlantic Monthly* is a review of the new Life of Tennyson. The reading public of both the Eastern and Western Hemispheres has been looking forward with interest to the publication of the authoritative life of the great poet by his son. This is an important literary event, and the *Atlantic* publishes, by special arrangement, the first extended review of this notable book... An Experiment in Citizen Training, in *Popular Science Monthly*, describes an experiment in education among the poorer classes of New York, which has, it seems, been in progress for the last four years, and is now far enough advanced to present results worthy of study... The *Forum* is well to the front this month with a varied and excellent table of contents. Sir Lewis Morris, the eminent English poet, contributes a pleasing paper on The Disuse of Laughter, in which he argues that the good honest laugh is dying out... The November number of the *Century* begins a new volume of that magazine. A new serial novel of New York life, Good Americans, is begun and will run for half a year... With the November number, *St. Nicholas* begins a new volume, and enters upon its twenty-fifth year. A Funny Little School is an account of a little colored girl who teaches a class of "uncles" and "aunties" many times her own age, and gets much amusement from it, for herself as well as for the reader... The current number of *The Ladies' Home Journal* (Philadelphia) is bright with illustrations and replete with articles of interest to ladies... The contents of *McClure's Magazine* (S. S. McClure Co., New York City) are of an unusually high order of excellence for this month... The *Chautauquan* has two articles of great interest to teachers: Goethe, His Life and Work, and the Friendly Letter... The *School Review* contains Field Work in Geology and Physical Geography, being a supplement to The Teacher's Outfit in Physical Geography which appeared in the March and April numbers.