

With the proceeds of an entertainment given Xmas times, we purchased a \$12.00 cabinet of minerals—100 specimens. I am highly pleased with the collection.

G. W. W.

We know of no better work than Dr. Bailey's Elementary Text-book on natural history, where our minerals are very fully treated. This, in connection with Crosby's "Common Minerals and Rocks," published by the Boston Natural History Society, (D. C. Heath & Co.,) and Mr. Brittain's recent lessons in THE REVIEW on minerals, should enable you to make an excellent preparation for classes.

T. E. M. — On page 139, Ex. 44, of Meiklejohn Short Grammar, is found given as an example of bad grammar the following sentence: "They are the two first boys in the class." On page 4 of same book is found the sentence: "The two first letters of the Greek alphabet are alpha and beta." If the latter phrase as used by the author be correct is not the former correct, and why?

Both examples given above are incorrect. *First*, from its meaning, precedes all others in numbering, the *first two* letters as well as the *first two* boys is the correct form. How ridiculous it would be to say "the five first letters of the alphabet;" and Meiklejohn is too good a grammarian to make such a mistake. In his "English Language," (D. C. Heath & Co., Publishers, 1887), page 7, Meiklejohn says: "The word alphabet comes from the *first two* letters in the Greek language." This is the sentence that our correspondent refers to on page 4 of the Short Grammar, where, evidently, some bungling proof-reader has been the cause of the error. This is not the only school book where bad proof reading is evident. How long will Canadian publishers of school books or any other books bring disgrace on the art preservative by sending out books with bungling typographical errors?

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Miss Annie M. Hayter, teacher at Latimore Lake, St. John Co., has recently, by means of a school entertainment, been able to furnish her new school-house.

Inspector Carter expects to complete his work in St. John city during April and the first part of May. He will then take up his work in St. Stephen, Milltown and St. Andrews.

By the death of T. W. Peters, Esq., St. John loses not only a progressive and useful citizen, but a valuable member of the school board.

Miss Anna MacKay, the much esteemed teacher of the intermediate grade, White School, New Glasgow, has been granted leave of absence for the remainder of

the present school year. Miss MacKay's excellent ability and her experience as a teacher, combined with superior personal qualities, have caused her to be much beloved by the pupils of her school and have won the confidence and esteem of the parents and school officials. We wish Miss MacKay a very pleasant trip and in due time a safe return. Miss Minnie MacKay, lately of the Dartmouth teaching staff, has been appointed to take charge of this department of our schools as a substitute.—[New Glasgow, N. S., "Chronicle."

A correspondent in the New Glasgow "Chronicle" refers to the department for art and music recently opened in the High School, and then adds:—

"The chemical laboratory is a busy place during part of the day. Here, a score or so of boys and girls study science experimentally, questioning nature face to face instead of pursuing the dry and worthless task of memorizing printed facts. Accommodation is provided in the laboratory for thirty pupils, each of whom has his desk, his blow-pipe, glassware, alcohol lamp, and other necessary apparatus. One could not fail to remark the fact that the building is kept much cleaner than we have been accustomed to see school-rooms in this country. The floors and wainscotings undergo constant cleaning, and the building throughout is as clean as when opened in November. Altogether, the new school is a just source of pride to the enterprising people of New Glasgow."

The New Glasgow High School is beginning to stand out prominently as one of the foremost educational institutions in Nova Scotia. The foundations of its present wonderful progress were laid by Mr. Ebenezer Mackay, now of John Hopkins University. Principal Saloan, with his able staff of assistants, has built well on these foundations. The fates are working in his favor. Within a few years, New Glasgow will have a population twice as large as any other town in the province except Halifax.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the St. John County Teachers' Institute a programme was drawn up which differs somewhat from those of former institutes.

A lady correspondent, under date of February 6th, from the "Wilds of British Columbia," after wishing THE REVIEW unlimited success, says: "Now it strikes me that that expression 'wilds, etc.,' might lead to misconception. Well, we are in a place from which we can reach Vancouver in two hours, where trains are constantly coming and going and stopping; where there are two churches, a Presbyterian and a Methodist, and an educational institution, including a high school and