

Miss Jeanette Cann, of Yarmouth, formerly a teacher in the Kentville Academy, has secured a position with a salary of \$1,000 in the high school of Victoria, B. C.

Mr. Arthur H. Shea, B. A., of Fredericton, while laboring under a fit of temporary insanity, left his home early in the morning of February 21, and two hours later was found in a snow bank in a naked and semi-conscious condition, with both legs frozen. He was quickly removed to the Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, and though his life was despaired of for several days he is now in a fair way of recovery. Mr. Shea was formerly principal of the grammar school at Andover, and later taught in St. Malachi's school, St. John.

A convention of leading Acadians was held at Moncton, N. B., in February, to consider the adoption of a uniform system of French text-books in the public schools, and the improvement of the French department in the Normal school. Among the resolutions passed was one to the effect that in purely Acadian districts the French language would be preferable for children for the first few years in order to prepare them the better to learn English. To this end special French text-books should be prepared and adopted. To present their views to the Board of Education a committee was appointed consisting of Judge Landry, P. J. Venoit, Dr. E. T. Gaudet and Inspectors Doucet and Hébert.

In the near future it is expected that five thousand students will be enrolled in Harvard University. How to house such a small army and how to govern them are grave problems. More important, perhaps, is the question how to bring any personal influence to bear upon them to build up well proportioned and cultured characters. There is no gain to the student in being one of such an immense throng. In this respect the small college stands superior.

Chatham, N. B., *World*: Mr. Jas. McIntosh, one of the town teachers, having refused to accept an excuse signed by a pupil's sister, even though he had been informed verbally and in writing by the father that the young lady was authorized by him to sign it, the school board was asked to deal with the matter. The teacher seemed, from the documents submitted, to hold the opinion that such an excuse did not meet the requirements of the law that says an excuse shall be signed by the parent or guardian of the pupil. The school board passed a resolution, unanimously, instructing the teachers of the town to accept, in the future, excuses signed by a member of the pupil's family when they know that the signer has been authorized by the parents to sign such excuses.

Mr. Goodriche, who was elected president of King's College, Windsor, in December last, is found to be unqualified for the position in one particular, a particular, however, that does not affect his scholarship or personal standing. The committee appointed by the board of governors will still continue its search for a president.

Through the efforts of the school trustees in District No. 4 White's Mountain, Kings, Co., N. B., Miss Agnes E. Reynolds, teacher, a new map of the Dominion of Canada and a set of minerals have been obtained for the use of the school.

## RECENT BOOKS.

**ELEMENTARY PLANE GEOMETRY.** By Alfred Baker, M. A., Professor of Mathematics, University of Toronto. Cloth. Pages 146. W. J. Gage & Co., Toronto.

This book provides an excellent course for pupils in the earlier stages of study of geometry. One good feature is its correlation of work. Besides giving the pupil a firm grasp of geometrical principles in an easy and natural way, the author insists on accurate measurement and computation at every step, correct drawing of geometrical figures, and the use of instruments, thus connecting the study of geometry more intimately with manual training.

**NINETEENTH CENTURY PROSE.** Edited with notes by John W. Cunliffe, D. Litt. (University of London). Cloth. Pages 32. The Copp, Clark Company, Toronto.

The purpose of this book is to interest young people in a few authors, such as Charles Lamb, Macaulay, Ruskin, Stevenson, and others, by giving carefully annotated selections from their works. By confining the student to a few choice extracts, he is inspired with a desire to know more good literature with the ambition to express his own thoughts in choice language.

**TALKS ON COUNTRY LIFE. No. III.** By H. B. M. Buchanan and R. R. C. Gregory. Cloth. Pages 198. Macmillan & Company, London.

This volume conveys to children of the third or fourth year at school useful information about domestic and wild animals of England, told in simple language and with a brevity and directness always pleasing to the child. Take the following example from the chapter, *Off to Market*: "Take the reins and drive. Don't forget the rule of the road, as we call it. If you meet a trap (wagon) or anything, pull the left rein so that it passes you on the right. If anything from behind wishes to pass you, then again you must pull the left rein and let it go by on the right hand side. But if you want to overtake something that is in front of you, you must pull the right rein and pass it on the right."

**SCHÜCKING'S DIE DREI FREIER.** Edited by Professor Otto Heller, Washington University, St. Louis. Cloth. Pages xxiii + 81. Ginn & Company, Boston.

*Die Drei Freier* (the three suitors) contains a brief memoir of the author and a literary-historic discussion of three famous legends — The Wandering Jew, The Wild Huntsman and the Flying Dutchman. It is well adapted to the needs of younger students of German, and will furnish interesting sight-reading for those more advanced.

**HANDBOOK OF PARLIAMENTARY USAGE.** By Frank William Howe. Hinds & Noble, publishers, New York.

A unique and valuable handbook arranged for the instant use of meetings, clubs and fraternal orders, teachers, students, and all who desire to conduct themselves "decently and in order" in public discussions.

**THE SONG OF ROLAND.** Translated into English prose by Isabel Butler. Paper. Pages 156. Illustrated. In The Riverside Literature Series. Houghton, Mifflin & Company, Boston.

All interested in stories of early warlike adventures will be glad to get this historic Song of Roland, which takes