

present. The following programme was submitted for discussion: "1. The advantages that would follow the supply of slate pencils, pens and stationery to pupils by the school board. 2. The best system of grading pupils in the city schools. 3. The advisability of making plain sewing a compulsory subject for girls on the curriculum. What is the best alternative for boys in mixed classes? 4. Should the school hours be changed so as to allow a noon recess of two hours and more evenly balanced sessions for primary schools? Should there be one daily session for high schools? 5. The benefits that would be conferred upon teachers and schools by the provision by the school board of a room for the use of teachers at all times, in which they could meet and equip with a professional library and as a reading room. 5. Is it desirable to have official examinations for entrance to the high schools?" Time permitted dealing with but three of the topics. The first was discussed and the principle affirmed. The subject of grading provoked an animated discussion. There was considerable difference of opinion, but the majority of the teachers inclined toward the present system. Trustee Baskin took part in the discussion of this subject. In the matter of a change in the school hours, there seemed to be a very decided objection to any change. Supt. March intimated his intention of calling the teachers together again at an early date to further consider the question of grading. At the close of the meeting pleasant addresses were made by Mrs. Skinner and Dr. White.

BOOK REVIEWS.

HISTORICAL RECORDS OF THE N. B. REGIMENT CANADIAN ARTILLERY. Compiled by Capt. J. B. M. Baxter, for private distribution. Published by the Sun Publishing Company, St. John. In the beautiful volume compiled by Captain Baxter, and published by the officers of the New-Brunswick Regiment of Artillery, there is presented not only a history of this corps, but, in a measure, the history of St. John City from 1793 to 1896. There will be found in it not only the men who figured in military circles, but those who have occupied, and are now occupying, prominent positions in the city and province. Capt. Baxter, in collecting and placing on record so many interesting reminiscences of his regiment, has made a valuable contribution to local history.

HINTS ON TEACHING ARITHMETIC, by H. S. MacLean. Pages 108. Price 30 cents. The Copp Clark Co. (Ltd.), publishers, Toronto. The author of this little work presents in brief form what he considers the most important features in the study of arithmetic, accompanied with a large number of practical exercises. It will be found very helpful to teachers in giving directness and system to their work.

STRANG'S GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS, by H. J. Strang, B. A. Price 40 cents. The Copp Clark Co. (Ltd.), Toronto, publishers. This contains a great number of selections and passages for practice in analysis, and will be found useful to teachers in preparing pupils for examination.

HYDRIOGRAPHY AND THE GARDEN OF CYRUS, by Sir Thomas Browne; edited by the late W. A. Greenhill, M. D. (Oxon.). Pages 208; price 2s. 6d. Publishers, Macmillan & Co., London. The publishers have done good service in re-publishing this quaint and interesting classic first published by Sir Thos. Browne in 1658. The first part of the volume on Hydriographia "Urne-buriall, or a Discourse of the Sepulchrell Urnes lately found in Norfolk," is unique in character and full of charm in the way the subject is handled. "The Garden of Cyrus" is a quaint collection of notes on botany and gardening, and will be of interest in all time to the plant student.

MACMILLAN'S GEOGRAPHY READERS. Book VII. Pages 240; price 1s. 6d. Publishers, Macmillan & Co., London and New York. This charming series of books will, we hope, find their way in the hands of all the pupils of our schools through the medium of school libraries. The present volume is full of interesting stories of American scenery and incidents, illustrated with maps and pictures.

PRACTICAL INORGANIC CHEMISTRY, by G. S. Turpin, M. A., D. Sc. Pages 158; price 2s. 6d. Publishers, Macmillan & Co., London and New York. This little manual combines theory and practice in an admirable manner. Its directions for experiments, with the clear illustrations, are especially excellent.

MILTON'S PARADISE LOST, Book III. Edited with introduction and notes by M. Macmillan, B. A. (Oxon.) The importance of this book, in addition to the notes on the text, is the admirable essay in the introduction on the character and works of Milton.

ADVANCED CHEMISTRY FOR HIGH SCHOOLS, by W. S. Ellis, B. A., B. Sc. The Copp, Clark Co. (Ltd.), Toronto, publishers. This book is intended to cover the practical work in chemistry prescribed for the honor matriculation and senior leaving examinations in the Ontario collegiate schools, and would serve as a manual for those pursuing an advanced course in chemistry.

POPE'S ESSAY ON MAN, with introduction and notes by E. E. Morris, M. A. Pages 93; price 1s. 9d. London: Macmillan & Co., and New York. The introduction gives a sketch of the life of Pope, with a review of his works, including the Essay on Man. The notes are scholarly and concise.

GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES. Part II. Edited by Sara E. Wiltse. Pages 234; price 45 cents. Published by Ginn & Co., Boston. This volume offers a wider range of stories than Part I, and will prove even more interesting.