

are largely due to the unselfish labours of Mr. B. J. Lawson, who is retiring from the office of Chairman of the Board after a year of hard and efficient work in the service of education.

A free Night School for Jewish students has been established in St. John, and already twelve pupils have taken advantage of the opportunity for learning English.

Three Fredericton teachers, Miss Sadie Thompson, Miss Marion Cadwallader, and Miss Margaret Lynds, have gone to Ottawa to take the two months special physical training course, provided by the Militia Department.

The Alberta Educational Association is to hold its fifth annual convention at Lethbridge, April 14-16. The President of the Association is Dr. A. Melville Scott, formerly on the University of New Brunswick staff. Among other speakers, Professor J. W. Robertson will address the convention.

The many Old Boys of Trinity College School, Port Hope, will be glad to learn of the establishment of a bursary for "the study and practise of reading in public." The principal object is the promotion of expressive, intelligent and effective reading of a chapter in the New Testament.

The donor is Mr. J. A. Culverwell, of Port Hope, who has deposited a capital amount for a nine-year bursary. The prize is to be awarded yearly on the judgment of the headmaster, the Rev. F. Graham Orchard.—*Toronto Mail and Empire*.

Over sixty girls are being taught in the open-air elementary school at Dyfatty, Swansea, notwithstanding biting winds and sharp frost. It is stated that the average weight of these scholars has increased by nearly three pounds during the past three months, whilst children in the enclosed school had only slightly increased in weight during the same period.

The school house at Pugwash, N. S., was struck by lightning on March 19, and the ensuing fire entirely destroyed the building with all its furniture and equipment.

Since the opening of the new Agricultural School at Woodstock, N. B., on March 9th, the results obtained have been more than satisfactory. The school opened with an attendance of twenty-five and at the beginning of the third week sixty-five students were in attendance at the lectures on Monday morning.

Alfred T. Seaman, aged twenty-one, son of Principal J. D. Seaman, of Charlottetown, has been selected as Rhodes scholar for Prince Edward Island. He is a gold medalist of Prince of Wales College and has an excellent record as an athlete.

RECENT BOOKS.

A History of Cavalry—Colonel George T. Denison. The MacMillan Company of Canada, \$2.50. One of the most striking and valuable books written by a Canadian is Colonel Denison's *History of Cavalry*. The first edition, which was published in 1877, gained the Emperor of Russia's prize for the best work on the subject in competition with officers of all armies, and was translated into several different languages. A second edition has just

been published, and is now in the hands of the booksellers. A preface to the second edition, which is a very important part of the book, brings the history of Cavalry down to the present time. The work is the result of great labour and research, and a marked peculiarity of the book, is, that the conclusions and lessons given by the author thirty-six years ago are now being accepted as correct by many of the best authorities on military questions — when the book was written it was thirty years ahead of the times — the times have now come abreast of it.

The experiences of the Boer War, and the war between Japan and Russia, have proved how well Colonel Denison had appreciated what the effect would be of the improved fire arms upon modern war. Rarely has an author been more completely vindicated by the passing of time. The book gives a sketch of the history of the world in one particular phase, and is interesting reading to the general reader.

Professor Lyde, author of several well known text books of geography, believes that "Geography is the most educational of all school subjects except Literature." In this belief he has devoted the introductory chapters of his *School Geography of the World* to certain important principles of the science that are obviously connected with the relation of man to the planet on which he lives. These principles are then applied at some lengths to familiar and important countries, as the British Empire, and the United States of America. The eighth edition of this book is by far the most useful, as it has added to the text one hundred practical problems and exercises, and a list of essay subjects. A most useful handbook for teachers. [Adam and Charles Black, London, 411 pages. 3s. 6d.]

From Messrs. Black comes also *More Pictures of British History*, containing 60 illustrations (32 in colour), and simply worded stories of our history from the time of the Druids to the nineteenth century. Every story has its picture, and together they cannot fail to interest the lucky children who have the book in their hands. [70 pages, 1s. 6d.]

The same firm send us a charming little French story book for class reading, called *Soirees Chez les Pascal* by F. B. Kirkman, M. A. M. Pascal tells his children some familiar fairy stories, they chat about them and look at the pictures. This book with its coloured illustrations is wonderfully cheap at sixpence. [Adam and Charles Black. 48 pages, 6d.]

Macaulay's Essay on Clive appears in an attractive little volume edited by A. J. F. Collins, M.A., with a biographical and critical introduction, and the full notes that are necessary for young students, to whom Macaulay's wealth of allusion and reference presents many obscurities. [University Tutorial Press. 108 pages, 1s. 6d.]

The name of Sarah Louise Arnold is a guarantee for a text book in English. With two colleagues, Miss Arnold has brought out a new series of reading books for beginners, called *The See and Say Series*. Book I is a "Picture Book" which by means of pictures and stories teaches the sounds of the letters and gives simple lessons in word building. Book II is a "Word Book." A teacher's manual accompanies each book, and the series is intended to present the study of words apart from the reading lesson, and to teach