

Nova Scotia Chap-Books: We have seen Nos. 1 and 5 of this series of small 4 by 6 inch booklets of 16 pages each, for which we paid the publisher, H. H. Marshall, opposite *Province Building*, Halifax, twenty-five cents each. But it is worth it; for they are the polished literary gems of Dr. Archibald Mac Mechan, of the University of Dalhousie and the Royal Society of Canada.

No. 1 contains just three sea-songs only, important episodes of Nova Scotian history: The Ballad of the "Rover," the Ballad in "LaTribune," and "Off Coronel." Every teacher would do well to memorize them, and every pupil to recite them for history as well as literature.

No. 5, describes "The Orchards of Ultima Thule" in the Happy Valley, somewhere in Nova Scotia. The literary Doctor must have been visiting the schools in this same Happy Valley, to judge from his spirited defense of rural schools in the press against an unfriendly outside critic.

School and Society estimates the number of high school pupils in New York who take Latin this year at 14,000; the number who take French at 20,000; the number who take Spanish at 30,000. Before the war, there were only 13,000 taking Spanish. The number taking German is estimated at only 300. In 1917 German was taken by 24,000.

Defectives—The Training school at Vineland, New Jersey, U. S. A. is equipped to care for mentally deficient children over five years of age, who are clean in their personal habits. The tuition rate is \$75 a month. Teachers should pass this information to any point where it is needed, until there is an institution provided for such in our own Province.

Home Inspection for School Children.

Recommended by the Dominion Fire Commissioner, Ottawa.

If used as suggested, this model questionnaire will bring the subject of fire prevention into the majority of homes in Canada. Teachers should instruct their pupils to copy the questions into their work books, take them home and enlist the assistance of their parents in providing the answers. On the following day, the work of the pupils should be received by the teacher and lessons given upon the hazards that appear to