

The Scholarship of \$25.00 donated to the student of the New Brunswick Normal School making the highest average in the Christmas examinations, by Mr. Weldon B. Shaw of Victoria, B. C. was won by Miss Etha Mills, of Harrisville, Westmorland County.

Miss Freda Brown, who has been teaching at Lord's Cove, Charlotte County, N. B., has resigned, and her place will be taken by Miss Bessie Mallock.

Miss Margaret McLaughlin, teacher at Lambert's Cove, Charlotte County, who left that post at the end of the year, received several handsome gifts from her pupils and friends, showing the regard in which she was held.

Many old Pictou and Dalhousie graduates will be shocked to hear of the tragic death of Charles Budd Robinson, Jr., of the Bureau of Science, Manila, who was killed early in December by the natives of Amboyna Island in the Malay Archipelago. No further particulars of the sad event have yet been received. Dr. Robinson was a native of Pictou, N. S., and graduated from Dalhousie in 1891. After teaching in Kentville and in Pictou Academy until 1897, he spent two years at Cambridge University in the study of botany. He then held the post of Science and Mathematics Master in Pictou Academy for four years. In 1903 he went to New York, and was appointed Curator of the Bronx Park Museum. He took his Ph. D. degree at Columbia University in 1906. In 1908 he went to Manila to work in the botanical department of the Bureau of Science. He was at home in 1911-12, but returned to his work in the Philippines, and on June 17th, 1913, went to make a thorough botanical exploration of the Island of Amboyna. He was forty-one years of age and unmarried.

The Committee on text books for use in New Brunswick Schools met in Fredericton on December 29th. A tentative literature course for High Schools was approved by the Committee and will be submitted to the Board of Education. A committee composed of Mr. R. P. Steeves, Director of Elementary Agricultural Education, and Mr. H. H. Hagerman, of the Provincial Normal School, was appointed to plan and suggest a new science course for grades I-VIII, which shall harmonize with the work in Elementary Agriculture.

The half-yearly Conference of the Chief Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick with the School Inspectors, the Principal of the Normal School, and the Directors of Vocational Education was held in Fredericton on December 30th.

The Executive of the Educational Institute meeting at Fredericton on Tuesday evening, December 30th, was unanimously decided in favour of holding an interprovincial Educational Institute in Halifax on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 26-28, 1914. Mr. G. A. Inch of Fredericton was elected secretary.

The lady teachers of the St. Stephen Schools have received an increase of \$50 in their salaries.

Miss Florence G. Robertson is leaving St. Stephen, N. B., to take work in the Moncton schools. Miss Gertrude Coughlin is to succeed Miss Robertson as assistant to Mr. F. O. Sullivan, and Miss Kathleen M. Simpson of Oak Bay has been appointed to take charge of the school at the Cove, St. Stephen, lately taught by Miss Coughlin.

### RECENT BOOKS.

A most attractive reading book for beginners in German is *Gruss aus Deutschland*, written by C. H. Holywarth, Ph.D., Instructor in German at Smith College, for the use of his students, after a vain search for one already in existence to meet his requirements.

Based upon a vocabulary of about 1,000 words of constant use in daily life, the text of this reader is intended to familiarize the beginner with a useful vocabulary, and at the same time to introduce him to German life and customs. It is an interesting description, written in the form of letters, of an American boy's life in Germany during a period of three years.

There is a full vocabulary, good and not too full of notes, and a set of questions and exercises based on the text. The many clear and well chosen illustrations add a great deal to the interest and attractiveness of the book. [190 pages, 90 cents. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.]

Another of Heath's Modern Language Series recently issued is a somewhat abridged edition of *Das Skelett im Hause*, by Frederick Spielhager. This is a bright, amusing little story, interesting from the very first. It has notes and vocabulary. [217 pages, 45 cents. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.]

A set of the *Piers Plowman Histories*, Junior Books IV. to VII., would wonderfully enlighten and enliven the path of the teacher of English History in the common schools. Book VI., which deals with "The Nation and Government from Earliest Times to 1485," is as interesting as any story, and interesting, not by dint of omitting dry facts, but by bringing them out of the realm of abstract statement. For instance, the accounts of how Domesday Book was made and how the Great Charter was sealed (not signed!), and how Parliamentary Government began, are so vivid and concrete that even the dull child will feel that they mean something. The illustrations are by no means the least valuable part of the volume. [296 pages, 2s. George Philip & Son, London.]

*An Introduction to World History* by M. W. Keatinge and N. L. Frazer, can be recommended to our teachers who are using Myers' or Swinton's histories, as a supplementary hand book, on much the same lines as Myers'. The extracts for illustration from the original documents will be useful, as will also the list of references at the end. [280 pages, 2s. Adam & Charles Black, London.]

*Selected Readings in English History*, by Harriet E. Tuell and Roy W. Hatch, is a collection of illustrative readings, ranging from Tacitus to the present Prime Minister of England. The basis of selection is said to have been "sound historical content, combined with good literary workmanship, and an appeal to youthful imaginations." The selections are not confined to original documents or contemporary writers, but draw also upon modern literature, for instance, Tennyson's "Becket." They seem to be excellently chosen, especially from the point of interest. A very good book for school libraries, or for the teacher's desk. [515 pages, \$1.40. Ginn & Co., Boston.]

From the University Tutorial Press comes a school edition of Caesar's Gallic War, Book VI., edited by L. M. Penn, M.A. It has a full introduction, vocabulary and