

Germany. Our naval strength is greater than the two combined; yet, to avoid a very pressing danger which our statesmen foresee, there are more British battleships building now than ever before.

New Mexico has been admitted as the forty-seventh state in the American Union.

Though nothing has been heard from him as yet, it is believed that Captain Scott must have reached the South Pole.

School and College.

Harvey T. Reid, of the senior class of Acadia University, has been awarded the Rhodes Scholarship for Nova Scotia for 1912. Mr. Reid is a native of Hartland, N. B. From the beginning of his college course he has had a very high standing in all subjects, and has also found time to take part in athletic contests. He was undoubtedly the best full-back in the Intercollegiate Football League, and has also been a regular member of the Acadia baseball team, and the basket-ball team. He is very popular with his fellow students, who are all congratulating him on his appointment.

Principal E. J. Lay, of the Amherst Academy, has been appointed supervisor of schools for that town. He will, in addition to his new duties, teach some of the advanced classes in the Academy, including a new grade A which is to be formed. Mr. Lay's long experience as school inspector and teacher, and his excellent executive ability well qualify him for his responsible position.

The attendance at Dalhousie University this year in all departments is a little over 400; an increase of twenty per cent. in the last ten years.

Teachers' salaries in Quebec are too low, and the injustice of allowing the present mean figures to exist has been brought to the attention of the Legislature. In twelve counties of the province, teachers are paid \$3 a week, and less. The average annual salary for a season of ten months in some of the counties is: Bellechasse, \$119; Charlevoix, \$104; Chicoutimi, \$124; Joliette, \$116; Kamouraska, \$108; L'Islet, \$110; Montgomery, \$120; Nicolet, \$110; Champlain, \$122; Port Neuf, \$121; Rimouski, \$115; Temiscouata, \$112, and Yamaska, \$117.

Recent Books.

Miss Florence Holbrook is an attractive story writer for children. In her latest book, *Cave, Mound and Lake Dwellers and Other Primitive People*, she tells of our very early ancestors and their life. The story of their modes of life shows us the beginnings of civilization. The book also describes primitive industries, such as pottery making, spinning, weaving, the making of leather and clothing, etc. It also treats of the taming of animals, the kindling of fire, the primitive family life, and of the beginnings of trade and of the use of money. The illustrations are excellent, and these, with the clear, bright story running through the text opens a new world of interest to young people. (Cloth; 138 pages; price, 40 cents. D. C. Heath & Company, Boston.)

The Gospel According to St. Matthew, with the text of the Authorized Version, and with a good map, a full introduction and notes should be found an excellent help to students of the New Testament. (Cloth; pages, 122; price, 1s 6d. University Tutorial Press, London.)

Whatever a business man or student would like to know about Canada he can learn from *Heaton's Annual*, of which the 1912 edition has been ready for distribution during the past month. It contains an insurance directory, giving in alphabetical order the various kinds of insurance effected in Canada, and the companies licensed to carry on business here. Heaton's is the standard authority on the customs tariff, law and regulations. There is also much useful information about towns, agricultural and fruit districts, and the special opportunities awaiting manufacturers and investors. Altogether it is a valuable book of reference. (Cloth; pages, 562; price, one dollar. Heaton's Agency, 32 Church street, Toronto.)

A Senior Course of English Composition, by E. W. Edmunds M. A. (Lond.), is adapted for pupils between the ages of fifteen and eighteen who have had some preliminary training. It contains a great many selections from English literature, subjects for compositions and essays, and a number of models for pupils. The author's experience as a teacher has enabled him to give emphasis to the more important points in teaching this subject. The beauty and excellence of the printing and binding are a characteristic feature of the University Tutorial Press publications. (Cloth; pages, 284; price, 2s 6d. University Tutorial Press, London.)

The Senior French Course, by Ernest Weekley, M. A. (Lond. and Camb.), and C. Gilli, B. A. (Lond.), covers in broad outline the whole ground of elementary French syntax. Continuous passages of varying difficulty for translation are provided, and there are notes for the student on the most abstruse passages. There is a complete vocabulary appended to the volume. (Cloth; pages, 355; price, 3s 6d. The University Tutorial Press, London.)

Book six, of Black's *Literary Readers* completes a series, the greater portion of which shows how Britain came by her world-wide Empire. This volume deals with the rise of British rule in India, a theme of particular interest at the present time. The pictures, with several illustrations in colour are very attractive. (Cloth; pages, 268; price, 1s 9d. Adam and Chas. Black, Soho Square, London, W.)

A Senior Latin Course, by A. J. F. Collins, M. A. (Oxon.), and A. Robinson, B. A. (Cantab.), contains much useful matter for class work. Part I, containing a graduated course of Latin grammar and composition, is divided into forty-eight lessons, roughly covering a year's work. The accidence is tabulated and collected in Part II, and Part III contains a summary of the syntax dealt with in Part I. Following these is a collection of passages for translation into continuous Latin prose, graduated in order of difficulty. The clear type and textual arrangement are a distinctive advantage. (Cloth; pages, 340; price, 3s 6d. The University Tutorial Press, London.)

The purpose of the book *Heroes and Greathearts and Their Animal Friends*, is to awaken admiration for heroes