

States, with half the funds. Happily, however, he returned and faithfully brought back the *two dollars*. At present the Society can boast of being worth \$21,662, including the costs of a fine building, in which its meetings are held. The condition of the finances for the year 1865 may be summarized as follows. Contributions and other assets, \$2,711. Expenditure: paid to widows and orphans, \$932; to the sick, \$753. Other expenses, \$504. Total paid, \$2,189. Balance, \$521.

Since the foundation of this Society, not less than fourteen similar ones have sprung up in Montreal, and three others in the neighboring villages; ten more have been formed in Canada and the United States.

ETUDES PHILOLOGIQUES sur quelques langues sauvages de l'Amérique, par N. O., ancien missionnaire. Montreal; 1866.—Dawson Bros. 8vo, 160 pp. 75 cts.

HISTOIRE DE L'ANCIEN TESTAMENT, 339 p. in-18. La Vie de Jésus d'après les Évangélistes, 396 p. in-18, en langue algonquienne. Both works bound in 1 vol. \$1.

LE LIVRE DES SEPT NATIONS. A collection of chants, prayers, &c., in the Iroquois tongue.—12mo, xxiv-160 pp. \$1.

VADE-MECUM du chantre Iroquois.—12mo, 132 pp. 25 cts.

In offering the above four works to the public, the author has rendered an important service to philology.

PANET.—*Journal du Siège de Québec en 1759*. By M. Jean Claude Panet. Montreal; 1866. Senécal.—8vo, 24 pp.

Our printer has struck off a few copies of this interesting diary in pamphlet form. Those desirous of securing a copy would do well to make early application.

LES URSULINES DE QUÉBEC.—Volumes 3rd and 4th. 741 pp. Québec; 1866. Darveau.

In these two volumes, as in those that precede, the history of the country, the biographies of distinguished men, and the genealogies of ancient families, are given along with the records of the monastery. Many details, interesting anecdotes, and descriptions give variety to this valuable work.

LE FOYER CANADIEN.—Québec.

The numbers for May and June contain a poem dedicated to the memory of Mr. Auguste Soulard, by Mr. P. M. Derome; a biographical sketch of Mr. Girouard, by Mr. Gerin, accompanied with a letter written by the former after the events of 1837; a review of the recent publication of the Rev. Mr. Carpyon on the early missions of the Jesuits in America, by Abbé Edmund Langevin, who has availed himself of this occasion to publish several extracts from the correspondence between Monseigneur Laval and the General of the Jesuits at Rome.

DE GASPÉ.—*Mémoires par Philippe A. de Gaspé*. Desbarats, Ottawa; 1866.—8vo; 563 pp.

This book will be found to contain interesting and valuable information.

JUNEAU.—*Traité de Calcul mental à l'usage des Ecoles canadiennes*. By J. E. Juneau, School Inspector. Québec; 1866.—12mo, 92 pp.

LACASSE.—*Tenue des Livres en Partie simple et en Partie double, ou Comptabilité générale*. By Napoléon Lacasse, Professor in Laval Normal School. Québec; 1866.—8vo, 212 pp.

These two hand-books have been approved by the Council of Public Instruction for Lower Canada, as may be seen by referring to our official notices in this number.

SHEA'S CHARLEVOIX.—History and General Description of New France. By the Rev. P. F. X. de Charlevoix, S. J. Translated, with Notes, by John Gilmory Shea. New York; 1866. Shea. Royal 8vo, iv-286 pp.

A fine edition of a translation of Charlevoix's *Histoire de la Nouvelle France*, in six volumes. The first volume, which is just out, contains the first three parts of Charlevoix's work, with numerous notes, besides his preface and chronological and biographical Tables, which in the original are in the last volume. It also contains fac-similes of maps, and three fine portraits, on steel, of Charlevoix, Jacques Cartier, and of the savage Menendez.

WOOD.—Homes without Hands, being a Description of the Habitations of Animals classed according to their principle of Constructions. By Rev. J. G. Wood. New York; 1866.—Royal 8vo, 646 pp.

This volume is a reproduction of articles published in *Harper's*

*Magazine*, and is illustrated with numerous engravings. It is an interesting work on natural history and speaks for itself.

LESCARBOT.—*Histoire de la Nouvelle France, contenant les navigations, découvertes et habitations faites par les Français en Indes Occidentales et Nouvelle France*. By Marc Lescarbot. Paris; 1866. Tross, Bookseller. Jonst, Printer. 3 vols. 26 fr. or 60 fr., according to paper.

SAGARD.—*Le Grand Voyage au Pays des Hurons, réimpression figurée de l'édition de 1632*. 2 vols.—8vo. Paris; Tross, Publisher. 24 fr., 30 fr. or 40 fr., according to paper.

SAGARD.—*Histoire du Canada et voyages que les Frères Mineurs Récollets y ont faits pour la conversion des infidèles depuis l'année 1615, avec un dictionnaire de la langue huronne, par le Frère Gabriel Sagard-Théodat*, 4 vols. in-8o. Réimpression de l'édition rarissime de 1636. Librairie Tross, papier Velin, 48 fr., papier de Hollande, 80 fr.

These are reprints of very rare works on the early history of this country.

## Twenty-seventh Meeting of the Teachers' Association in connection with Laval Normal School (held 25th and 26th May, 1866).

FIRST SITTING, 7 P. M.

Present:—Rev. Principal J. Langevin, Abbé Faucher, Mr. J. B. Cloutier, President; Mr. E. Carrier, Secretary *pro tempore*; Inspector Juneau, Messrs. F. X. Toussaint and Lacasse, N. Thibault, D. McSweeney, C. Legendre, C. G. L. Lafrance, T. Simard, F. Pagé, G. Gagné, H. Rousseau, L. Dion, F. Chabot, and the pupils of the Laval Normal School.

After the Minutes of the last meeting had been read and adopted, the President submitted the following resolutions touching the subject discussed at the last meeting:

1st. That as the arithmetical rules of Interest are of the greatest utility, it is of the utmost importance that teachers should take great pains in teaching them to their pupils.

2nd. To teach these rules to children with advantage, they must be familiar with those that precede, especially with reference to proportion, on which Interest is based.

3d. Children should be taught all the terms used in Interest, as *Capital, Interest, Amount, &c.* This may be done in two different ways 1st, By making them commit to memory the different definitions which are to be found in the arithmetic at the beginning of these rules; 2nd, By oral exercises, and by giving problems to solve in which these terms occur.

4th. When the pupils have made themselves masters of these definitions, simple examples are to be given them, and more difficult ones as they advance, for instance, 1, Make them find the interest upon different capitals for one year only; 2, The interest upon the same capital for several years, 3, For months only; 4, For days; 5, For years, months, days, &c.

5th. To proceed, as far as is consistent, in the same manner in every case in interest, appealing to the judgment of the child instead of to the memory. There are, however, in this rule, certain problems which cannot be solved without having recourse to compound proportion.

6th. Although the rules of interest may be included in the Rule of Three, they should retain their title, as they are but a subdivision of the latter, as are also the rules of Commission, Brokerage, Assurance, &c.

7th. The schoolmaster cannot do better, in teaching the rules of interest, than to follow the method adopted by Mr. F. X. Toussaint in his two treatises on arithmetic.

The above resolutions being unanimously approved of, Mr. Toussaint proposed to add one to the series, pointing out a short method for finding the compound interest on a given sum. This was also adopted.

The Principal delivered a lecture on the phenomena of light. The meeting then adjourned to the following morning.

SECOND SITTING.

Present: Rev. Principal J. Langevin, Abbé Faucher, Mr. J. B. Cloutier, President; Mr. L. Lefebvre, Secretary *pro tempore*; Inspectors F. Juneau and P. M. Bardy; Messrs. N. Lacasse, N. Thibault, F. X. Toussaint, D. McSweeney, F. Fortin, G. Tremblay, P. Drolet, Jos. Léonard, Ed. Carrier, J. B. Dugal, F. Gilbert, Jacob Gagné, D. Pichet, C. Gauvin, P. A. Roy, L. Dion, A. Esnoff, Jos. Chabot,