

PERSONAL.

Wm. R. Fraser, Esq., B. A., (Dal.), late classical master in the Pietou Academy, has been awarded a University scholarship in Greek at the Johns Hopkins University.

Inspector Carter has finished his examination in the western part of Charlotte county.

BOOK REVIEWS.

INSECTA. Guides for science teaching, No. VIII, Boston Society of Natural History, by Alpheus Hyatt and J. M. Arms; cloth, 4½ in. × 6 in., pp. XXIII + 300, \$1.00. (Boston, U. S. A., D. C. Heath & Co., 1891). The typographical character of this book is superior. For its price we have no hesitation in saying that it is the best book on entomology for the beginner which we have yet seen—and the best for the teacher who thinks he knows something of the science as well.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. Introduction to the study of, Harvard Historical Monographs, No. 2, by Albert Bushnell Hartt, Ph. D., assistant professor of history. Paper, 9 × 6 in., pp. X + 200. (Boston, U. S. A., Ginn & Co., 1891). An admirable volume. We give the titles of its chapters, which in turn are most systematically sectioned and paragraphed. I. The Theory of Federal Government. II. Ancient Confederations. III. Mediæval Leagues and National Confederations. IV. The Four Great Existing Confederations (U. S. A.; Switzerland, Germany and Canada). V. Latin American Federations. Appendix A, Conspectus of the Federal Constitutions of Canada, Germany, Switzerland and the U. S. A. B. Key to the Conspectus. C. Bibliography of Federal Government.

GOOD NIGHT POETRY [Bedside Poetry]. A parent's assistant in moral discipline. Compiled by Wendell P. Garrison. Cloth, 4½ × 7 in.; pp. 143; 70 cents. Boston, U. S. A., Ginn & Co., 1891. Both printer and compiler did their work well.

POVERTY SUPERSEDED. A new political economy, a paper on Economic Science, read before the Nova Scotia Institute of Science, Jan. 19, 1891, by A. P. Reid, M. D., etc., Supt. of the Nova Scotia Hospital for Insane. Pamphlet, 16 pp. Government to collect percentage of all earnings to form a relief and superannuation fund, to control and manage manufacture and trade generally; to nationalize savings banks, life assurance, an annuity system; to lessen the present credit system, abolish the law for collecting debts and make economy compulsory.

LA CANNE DE JONC (Malacca Cane), by Alfred de Vigny, with notes and grammatical appendices by V. J. T. Spiers, M. A. Boston, D. C. Heath & Co., publishers. The story is of Paris before and during the revolution of 1830. The story is quiet and entertaining, and the style lucid and agreeable.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

REPRODUCTION OF GEOGRAPHICAL FORMS, Redway; D. C., Heath & Co., publishers, Boston.

FROM COLONY TO COMMONWEALTH, Moore; Plato's GEORGIA; Ginn & Co., publishers, Boston.

EXCHANGES.

We welcome the New Glasgow *High School Monthly*.... The *Temperance Index* starts out with renewed vigor under its new editor, Firman McClure.... The *Halifax Chronicle* advocates the introduction of the Metric system, and it is one of the leading Atlantic Canadian dailies.... The *Colonial Standard* has a good correspondent who presses the same reform.... The *American Naturalist* for December has two articles on conchological subjects, one on the Termites, one on Annelid descent with Kingsley's "Record of American Zoology" continued. The notes under the several departments are new and numerous.

Current Periodicals.

The *Century* for February contains an article by Geo. R. Parkin, A. M., formerly of the Fredericton Collegiate School, on "The Anglo-Saxon in the Southern Hemisphere." It is written in Mr. Parkin's vein, from personal observation of life in Australia, and will find a wide and sympathetic circle of readers in these provinces.... The *Popular Science Monthly* for February has several interesting educational articles—"Precision in Physical Training," "Progress in Agricultural Science," "Co-education in the Swiss Universities," "Religious Teaching in the Public Schools.".... *Wide Awake* for February has a number of unusually clever short stories. "Sir Grimbald's Ransom" is a ballad of the brave crusading ancestor of Sir Julian Pauncefort, present British Minister to Washington, whose brave lady gave her right hand to ransom her lord from the Saracens. *St. Nicholas* for February has among other interesting sketches and stories a timely one on "How the Mails are Carried.".... *New England Magazine* (Boston) for February is filled with interesting articles and beautiful illustrations: the "History of Historical Writing in America, No. II," is of great value to the student, and all will read with pleasure the illustrated article, "The Old Masters of Boston.".... *The Kindergarten* (Chicago) for Teachers and parents is conducted with rare ability. We can safely say that no home or primary school should be without it.... The numbers of *The Living Age* for January 31st and February 7th contain "Shakespeare's Ghosts, Witches and Fairies," "Birds," "Shut up in the African Forest," "The Origin of the Great Lakes of North America," and other articles. For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4.00 monthlies or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.... *Garden and Forest* (New York) contains each week admirably illustrated articles on new or little-known plants.... *Vick's Floral Guide* (Rochester, N. Y.) is again to hand and is, this year, more interesting and valuable than ever to the gardener.

Pamphlets and Catalogues Received.

Calendar of Prince of Wales College and Normal School, Charlotte town, P. E. I. for 1890-91; Alex. Anderson, LL. D., Principal; containing examination questions and other useful information.... *The Cornell University Register* for 1890-91; containing list of students (1,347) at present attending the University, Ithaca, N. Y., with courses of instruction, etc.... *Harvard University Catalogue*, 1890-91; with list of students in attendance this year (1,339), courses of study, etc.... *U. S. Board of Geographical Names*; Bulletin No. I; issued Dec. 31, 1890; published by the Smithsonian Institution, Washington; a valuable brochure on the correct spelling and pronunciation of geographical names.... *Educational Addresses*, McMaster University, Toronto, delivered at the opening of the various departments, Oct. 1890.... *Bulletin of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick*; published for the Society by Barnes & Co., St. John; contains a portrait and sketch of the life of Prof. Ch. Fred. Hartt, by G. F. Matthew, A. M., President of the Society; Zoological Notes, by W. F. Ganong, A. M., and other useful information.... *Papers on the School Issues of the Day*, Nos. IX, X and XI; read at the National Educational Association, St. Paul, July, 1890; published by C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse, N. Y.... *School Room Classics*, No. VIII; Tiedman's Record of Infant Life, by Louis Soldan, Ph.D.; published by C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse, N. Y.