

GIANTS AND PIGMIES: This is a charming history of the giants and pigmies which disported themselves in the lands and seas which afterwards developed into the present Maritime Provinces of eastern Canada—New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. It is a popular history of the succession of life through the geological ages of these Provinces. The author, however, extended his original idea by comparing our record with that of other portions of the world; so that the little book of 100 pages or so really contains a splendid outline of the Palaeontological record of the world. This is just the book for the amateur geological student. The author is the Rev. David Honeyman, D. C. L., F. R. S. C., F. S. Sc. (Lond.), Provincial Geologist, Nova Scotia. The book can be procured for one dollar, from the author (Province Building, Halifax), or from the booksellers, we presume.

ECONOMIC ENTOMOLOGY: If any of our teachers, horticulturists, or others, wish to get a book plainly describing and illustrating, with cuts such as those in one of our articles, all the ordinary insects affecting our fruits injuriously, together with their life history, some of their more important parasites, and the best method of treating them, they can get it in a lately published Canadian work which has no superior in any country. The author, William Saunders, F. R. S. C., London, Ontario, who has for a number of years been President of the Entomological Society, of Ontario, and editor of the *Canadian Entomologist*, is one of the ablest, most widely known and highly esteemed entomologists in America. His book, *INSECTS INJURIOUS TO FRUITS*, contains 436 pages, and 440 woodcuts so highly executed as to enable the veriest tyro to recognize his specimen. It costs but \$3.00.

GUIDES FOR SCIENCE TEACHING: To those teachers who desire to practically instruct classes in natural history, the Guides for Science Teaching, published by D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, will be found most valuable as a supplement to the prescribed text books on Natural Science. Being intended solely as aids to teachers, any attempt to use them as text books would defeat the object of publication.

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| I. Hyatt's About Pebbles, | | \$0 10 |
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PERSONAL NOTES.

We congratulate Professor George Lawson, Ph. D., LL. D., of Dalhousie College, on his election to the Presidency of the Royal Society of Canada. In his election honor is done to Nova Scotia; and in his person the Royal Society has for president a most accomplished gentleman, a scholar of unusually extensive acquirements, and a man who has left the imprint of his scientific knowledge in the industrial development of every part of the country, one might nearly say. The honor is well merited.

Mr. W. F. Ganong will spend some weeks this summer at Frye's Island, studying the development of *Ascidians*. He will continue also the study of the surface fauna of that region, begun last summer by him in conjunction with Dr. J. W. Fewkes, of Cambridge. Mr. Ganong hopes also to get some stages in the development of the Basket-fish (*Astrophyton Agassizii*), and the Sun-star (*Crossaster papposa*), two very important forms, of which the embryology is entirely unknown.

A Philadelphia correspondent of the *Carleton Sentinel* says that Mr. Charles Hay, son of Mr. Hugh Hay, of Woodstock, studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, passed his second year examination, leading his class and making 299 out of a possible 300. Mr. Hay is considered one of the ablest, if not the ablest, of his class, and is now taking special courses in certain branches of his profession.

The teachers of the Halifax schools have formed themselves into an "Amateur School of Science," under the direction of that indefatigable man of iron, Supervisor McKay, whom no amount of work appears able to break down. He cannot last forever, though. The city of Halifax will not find his equal again, when that comes.

The Lunenburg, N. S., *Progress* gives an admirable sketch of a most interesting and instructive lecture on "Prehistoric Man," by E. H. Owen, A. B., on the 17th ult. Mr. Owen was for a number of years Principal of the Lunenburg Academy, and has acquired no small reputation as a writer for the Provincial press.

W. Bliss Carman, M. A., of Fredericton, whose poems in the *Atlantic Monthly* and elsewhere have recently attracted much attention by their merit, is now at Harvard studying for the degree of Ph. D.

The degree of LL. D. has been conferred on A. A. Stockton, Esq., M. P. P., of St. John, by Victoria University, Coburg, Ontario, after a course of study