

novel, opening up a new world of imagination and thought in our own "commonplace" surroundings. As it is published in Boston there is no doubt it will be extensively read in the United States, and it will tend to give to the people of the south a rather pretty picture of the scientific romance to be enjoyed in the beautiful Acadian land.

A. H. M.

MAY MAGAZINES.

Among other interesting articles in the *Canadian Magazine*, Thos. E. Champion contributes a timely paper on H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, his visit to Canada, and other events in his career.... How a German estimates Rudyard Kipling can be gathered from an article in *Littell's Living Age*, April 15, entitled Contributions to a Critique of Rudyard Kipling, by F. Gratz, translated from *Englische Studien*, by Arthur Beatty.... "The Countess Emilia," Anthony Hope's new romance, is begun in the May *Ladies' Home Journal*, and "The Art of Listening to a Sermon" inaugurates the first of a series of articles on the pulpit and the pew, by Ian Maclaren. Another notable feature of the same issue is "The Secrets of a Happy Life," by the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, D. D., pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, who has become a regular contributor to the *Journal*.... The leading article in *Appleton's Popular Science Monthly* for May is a description of the best trails to and from the Klondike gold fields. Prof. Angelo Heilprin, the author, is a well-known geographer and traveller, and his article, which is the account of an actual trip, in by the White Pass and Out by the Chilkoot, is not only full of valuable information and suggestions, but very entertaining reading. A number of good illustrations add much to its interest. The Origin of European Culture, by Prof. William Z. Ripley, is the title of an investigation into the origin and growth of the Old-World culture, viewed chiefly from an archaeological standpoint. The article is merely an extension of the author's general work on the Racial Geography of Europe, which is soon to appear in book form, and which is one of the most important works on general anthropology that this country has produced.... In the May *Atlantic* Professor William James concludes his Talks to Teachers on Psychological subjects with a discussion of the Will in its double shape of impulsion and inhibition, action and restraint, and shows the complicated and contradictory actions that result from these complex conditions. These articles are of great educational value and should be read by all our teachers. In the same issue Charles Mulford Robinson continues his papers on Improvement in City Life with an account of recent Educational Progress in the great cities, not merely in the schools, but in other educational courses, literary clubs and leagues, libraries, galleries, museums, science, music, etc.—a movement without precedent in human history.... *St. Nicholas* is full of interest to the young with its two new serials—its glimpse of child life in Japan, and its short stories, all finely illustrated. The Making of a Mascot, by Samuel Scovil, jr., is a good school story.... In the leading article in *The Chautauquan*, A Great English Seaport, Horace Townsend describes Liverpool with its famous docks. For the year 1895, 23,943 ships paid harbor dues, their tonnage amounting to nearly eleven millions. In the same magazine appear two other articles of interest to British subjects, Lord Salisbury, by Prof. H. Morse Stephens, and The British House of Lords, by Edward Porritt.... The Story of the Captains concludes the War Series, and it is the chief feature of the May *Century*. It is composed of personal narratives of the battle off Santiago, by officers of the American fleet, and it is illustrated by photographs taken on the ships. It is supplemented with a note entitled, A Historic Scene on the "Texas," by T. M. Dieuaide, formerly of St. John, where his mother is a well-known teacher.

N. B. Education Department.—Official Notices.

I. DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS.

(a) *Closing Examinations for License*.—The Closing Examinations for License, and for Advance of Class, will be held at the Normal School Fredericton, and at the Grammar School buildings in St. John and Chatham, beginning on Tuesday the 13th day of June, 1899.

The English Literature required for First Class Candidates is Shakespeare's Richard II., and Selections from Keats, Shelly and Byron as found in *Select Poems*, published by the W. J. Gage Co. 1896.

(b) *Normal School Entrance Examinations and Preliminary Examinations for Advance of Class*.—These examinations will be held at the usual stations throughout the Province, beginning on Tuesday, July 4th, 1899, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Candidates are required to give notice to the Inspector within whose inspectorial district they wish to be examined not later than the 24th day of May. A fee of one dollar must be sent to the Inspector with the application.

(c) *Junior Leaving Examinations*.—Held at the same time and stations as the Entrance examinations.

The Junior Leaving Examinations are based upon the requirements of the course of study for Grammar and High Schools as given in the syllabus for Grades IX and X, and will include the following subjects: English Grammar and Analysis; English Composition and Literature; Arithmetic and Book-keeping; Algebra and Geometry; History and Geography; Botany; Physiology and Hygiene; and any two of the following: Latin, Greek, French, Chemistry, Physics. [Nine papers in all].

The pupils of any school in the province are eligible for admission to this examination. Diplomas are granted to successful candidates.

Fee of Two Dollars to be sent with application to Inspector, not later than the 24th of May.

The English Literature for the Junior Leaving Examinations will be *Select Poems of Goldsmith, Wordsworth and Scott*, as found in collection published by W. J. Gage Co., 1896.

(d) *University Matriculation Examinations*. Held at the same time and stations as Entrance examinations. Application to be made to Inspector, with fee of two dollars, not later than May 24th.

The Junior Matriculation Examinations are based on the requirements for matriculation in the University of New Brunswick, as laid down in the University calendar. (Candidates will receive a calendar upon application to the Chancellor of the University, or to the Education Office.)

The English Literature subjects are Shakespeare, Richard II., Rolfe Edition, and Selections from Keats, Shelly and Byron, as found in *Select Poems*, published by the W. J. Gage Co., Toronto, 1896.

The examination paper in French will be based on Macmillan's Progressive French Course and Macmillan's French Reader (2nd year), or, as an alternative, Pujol's French Class Book to page 262. (See University Calendar.)

The Department will supply the necessary stationery to the candidates at the July examinations, and all answers must be written upon the paper supplied by the Supervising Examiners.

In the June examinations the candidates will supply their own stationery.

Examinations for Superior School License will be held both at the June and July examination. The First Book of Caesar's Gallic War will be required in both cases.

Forms of application for the July examinations will be sent to candidates upon application to the Inspectors, or to the Education office.

(e) *High School Entrance Examinations*.—These examinations will be held at the several Grammar and other High Schools, beginning on Monday, June 19th, at 9 o'clock a. m. Under the provisions of the Regulation passed by the Board of Education in April, 1896, question papers will be provided by the department. The Principals of the Grammar and High Schools are requested to notify the Chief Superintendent not later than June 1st, as to the probable number of candidates.

II. TEACHING DAYS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, 1899.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS. Six weeks, beginning July 1st. In cities, incorporated towns, and Grammar and Superior School Districts in which a majority of the ratepayers present at the annual school meeting voted for extension of vacation, eight weeks beginning July 1st.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. Two weeks, beginning on December 23rd.

OTHER HOLIDAYS. Good Friday, the Queen's Birthday, and Thanksgiving Day; also, in the City of St. John, Loyalist Day. The Monday and Tuesday following Easter Sunday, and Labor Day, are not hereafter to be reckoned as Public School Holidays.

No. of Teaching Days, First Term, 123; in the city of St. John, 122.

No. of Teaching Days, Second Term, 94; in cities, etc., 84.

J. R. IVCH,
Education Office,
February 8th, 1899.
Chief Supt. of Education.

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