

suitable for what may be called "modern method" teaching. The advice to the teacher given on a prefatory page, shows that the compiler knows the exact position the study of geography should hold in relation to other school work, and how the geography class should be conducted. The book has been authorized for the schools of Ontario, and will no doubt find its way elsewhere, through its own intrinsic merits. It may be said that it forms an introductory volume to the High School Geography, which we intend to mention by way of review next month.

OTHER BOOKS RECEIVED and to be noticed next month :—*Reception Day*, No. 5, Kellogg & Co.; *Cæsar's Gallic War*, Book VII., edited by Bond and Walpole, MacMillan & Co.; *Orid*, by the same editors; *French and German Reading Books*, Florian, edited by Charles Yeld; *Stewart and Gee's Electricity and Magnetism*; *Monographs on Education*, D. C. Heath & Co., and several other volumes.

Official Department.

Abstract of the Minutes of Meetings of the Administrative Commission of the Pension Fund, held at Quebec on 27th, 28th and 29th of December, 1887.

PRESENT:—The Hon. Gédéon Onimet, Superintendent of Public Instruction (in the chair); Messrs. U. E. Archambault, S. P. Robins, E. I. Rexford and Joseph Prémont.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Commission proceeded to examine the reports of the school inspectors, made in accord with 49-50 Vic., Cap. 27, Sec. 38, from which it appeared that three of the pensioners had died since the 1st of July, 1887, namely, H. C. O'Donoghue, Leocadie Langlois and Madame Joseph Rainville, and that two pensioners had returned to teaching, namely, Ovide Mayrand and Philomène Tessier. Four inspectors failed to make the report required by said Sec. 38, viz.: Messrs. Lippens, McMahon, Demers and Vien. These inspectors, except Mr. McMahon, deceased, were required to make their report without delay.

The Commission agreed to adopt the following regulation:—
 "That each pensioner, receiving a pension on account of ill health, shall be required to produce each year, until he attains the age of fifty-six, a medical certificate that, on account of ill health, he is quite incapable of resuming his work as an officer