

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Mr. R. G. D. Richardson, M. A., Ph. D., having made a brilliant record at Yale, where, during the past three years he has been at once instructor and post-graduate student, has been appointed professor of mathematics in Brown University, at which institution his studies will begin next week. Mr. Richardson is a brother of Mr. Ralph Richardson, principal of the Liverpool, N. S., academy.—*Halifax Chronicle*.

The Nova Scotia normal school at Truro opened the first week in October. Over one hundred students are in attendance.

From the colleges of the maritime provinces come most favourable reports of the opening and prospects for the year. All report an attendance in the Freshman class, which exceeds all previous records.

Misses Myrtle and Leora Harmon and their brother, Burdette Harmon, have gone to the University of New Brunswick. This is a pretty good contingent from one family.—*Woodstock, N. B., Dispatch*.

The school at Upper Queensbury, York County, N. B., Miss Jane Brown, teacher, recently ordered a fully mounted globe and hyloplate blackboards. This term thirty books have been procured as a commencement of a school library. Lumber has just been hauled to put some repairs upon the outside of the school buildings, and to construct a proper receptacle for the globe, chemicals, apparatus, minerals, and for the books.

A "measuring party" was held at Mahone N. S., 23rd September, in the interest of the public school of the town. Under the efficient management of Principal Smeltzer, it was a decided success. The proceeds are intended for the purchase of an encyclopedia.

Mr. Aaron Perry, M. A., has resigned from the Victoria, B. C., high school and accepted the position of teacher of English in the Okanagan College—the Acadia of the West. The outlook for the college, of which Professor Sawyer, of Wolfville, is the principal, is excellent. Two brothers, James and Rev. Thos. Ritchie, have put up a fine \$30,000 building, and donated it, with a twenty acre lot, for a campus, to the Baptists of British Columbia. The school opened on the 10th of October with a large attendance.

A teachers' institute for South Colchester will be held at Lower Stewiacke on Thursday and Friday, November 14th and 15th.

RECENT BOOKS.

We have received from Messrs. A. and W. MacKinlay, Halifax, a set of the three new French readers for use in Acadian schools (*Syllabaire et Premier Livre de Lecture, Deuxième Livre de Lecture, et Troisième Livre de Lecture*). The mechanical work has been done by Messrs. Thos. Nelson & Son, Edinburgh, and the result is three well printed and strongly bound volumes in large clear type, and abundantly illustrated, a great many of the illustrations being in colours. The selections, which are the work of a committee appointed by the boards of education of the three provinces, have been made with great taste and judgment. They embrace stories, fables, poems, interwoven with frequent references to Canada and descriptive

of its scenery, history and products. Especial care seems to have been taken to make the reading lessons lead to a better understanding of what comes into the daily life of the child, and to inculcate obedience, love of parents, kindness to animals, and the practice of the virtues of everyday life.

Messrs. Ginn & Company, of Boston, are publishing two language readers, a *Fourth Reader* (cloth, 304 pages, illustrated; mailing price, 70 cents), and a *Fifth Reader* in press. The purpose of these two books, the material of which has been selected by two New York principals of schools, is to direct and develop a correct literary taste. The selections exhibit a wide range of subject, touching every phase of experience, adventure, folk tale, fairy tale, hero story, nature, science, and patriotic tale. The selections have a distinct ethical influence, and aim to broaden the child's range of experience. The original material consists principally of lessons on nature, history and the useful arts. These lessons have been presented in a form to interest the child, and in language within his understanding. The letter press and illustrations will be a delight to the eyes of children.

The *Selections from Byron* (cloth, 101 pages, mailing price, 30 cents), and *Select Poems and Tales of Edgar Allan Poe* (cloth, pages xxxii+200; mailing price, 35 cents), are published in two neat little pocket volumes by Messrs. Ginn & Company, Boston. Both volumes have frontispiece portraits of the authors, and introductions, which treat discriminatingly of the life and works of each. The books are intended for college entrance requirements, but they are of interest to the general reader and student.

A book that will give rare pleasure to children—and grown people will not be proof against the spell of its attraction—is that on *Scotland*, published by Adam and Charles Black, Soho Square, London, W. (cloth, illustrated in colour, price, post free, 1s. 10d.) It forms one of a series, "Peeps at Many Lands," designed to give children a glimpse at the scenes and customs of their own and other lands. A strong feature is made of the work and play of children in the land under description, and the general ways of life among the people form another special point.

The *Dale Reader*, Book II, from Messrs. Geo. Philip and Son, London, (cloth, illustrated, price 1s. 3d.) is one of a series of primers and readers, the aim of which is to train children at the outset to use their own powers and observe for themselves. They contain suggestions that our primary teachers might use with advantage.

Das Fähnlein der Sieben Aufrechten, a story by Gottfried Keller, is published with note and vocabulary Acadian schools (*Syllabaire et Premier Livre de Lecture* Co, Boston. The author is one of the most skilful of German novelists, and this story, the Banner of the Seven Just Men, is a picture of Swiss life with an admirable blending of humor and naturalness.

ENGLISH HISTORY from Original Sources, by Norman L. Fraser, M. A., is the first of a series of volumes intended for supplementary reading. The first volume which includes the period from 1216 to 1307, A. D., is beautifully printed and illustrated, and the extracts are chiefly translations of the Latin annals of that period (cloth, pages 247, price 2s. 6d). Adam and Charles Black, Soho Square, London.