

B.—Please solve: A makes B a present of \$100 on condition that he shall expend it on cows, sheep and geese: cows at \$10, sheep at \$1 and geese at \$1, so as to have just 100 in the whole. How many of each must he purchase?

Let x = no. of cows, y = no. of sheep, z = no. of geese:

$$\text{then } 10x + y + z = 100$$

$$\text{but } x + y + z = 100$$

$$\therefore 9x - 5z = 0$$

$$9x = 5z$$

$$x = \frac{5z}{9}$$

The first integral value of z that will make x a whole number is 54.

If $x = 5$ and $z = 54$, y must = 41, which numbers are found to fulfil the conditions.

"H."—What do you consider the best way of parsing the words in such predicates as "was sick," "is hard," etc.?

Decidedly, the only way is to parse "sick" and "hard" as adjectives—predicative adjectives,—and "is" as a verb. The verb *to be* is used here, as it is most commonly, as a *copula*,—merely uniting the attribute "sick," "hard," etc., to the subject, whether affirmatively, negatively, interrogatively, conditionally, or otherwise. The definition given by Meiklejohn (to which the question refers)—"an adverb is a word going with a verb"—is not sufficiently explicit. An auxiliary goes with a verb. So, also, in one sense, does a pronoun or a noun, whether it be subject or object. To consider "was sick" as a verb, is not according to the analogy of other languages, in which adjectives have forms peculiar to themselves, and in which their terminations vary with the gender, number and case of the nouns which they qualify. Again, if we call "was black" a verb, then we must call "was blacker" another verb, and "was the blackest" a third verb. How should the Latin scholar parse *erat bonus, erant boni, erit bona, sunt bonæ, est melius, sumus meliores, estis optimi*, etc. Is each of these a different verb, or are verbs declined, changing their forms for the different genders, numbers, cases and degrees of comparison? The answer is obvious.

It is also asked whether, in a sentence like "He was honest," the adjective "honest" goes with the pronoun "he" or with a noun understood, as "He was (an) honest man." The answer is that the adjective qualifies or is predicated of the pronoun. "He was honest" means "John was honest," the pronoun merely standing for the noun, which is the real object.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Mr. W. H. McNally, formerly of teacher of the High School, Summerside, P. E. I., has returned to his home from McGill College, Montreal, where he is studying medicine.

The Summer School of Science for the Atlantic Provinces of Canada, holds its coming session at Charlottetown, P. E. I., that most delightful summer resort. An unusually strong corps of instructors has been engaged, and the best work can be expected in every department. Teachers are going every year more and more to summer schools, because pleasure and profit are so pleasantly combined in these new educational helpers. A very large attendance is anticipated.

Arbor Day for the schools of Charlottetown, P. E. I., will be Friday, the 11th inst. Preparations for tree planting and suitable exercises, are being made by the different schools of the city.

Inspector Carter's new address is 120 Elliot Row, Saint John.

Miss Bessie Young, teacher at Oak Bay, Charlotte Co., has been able to purchase a fine flag for her school house.

The school at Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, N. B., H. F. Perkins, Principal, with the aid of friends of the school got up a concert recently and realized \$25 to be devoted to the purchase of a school library. This is the second school on the Island to begin a library.

Those who purpose taking the music classes, junior and senior, at the approaching session of the Summer School of Science at Charlottetown, are particularly requested to communicate at once with Rev. James Anderson, M. A., 64 Confederation Building, Toronto, Ontario, as the books for the classes are to be ordered from England.

Junior Companion for Teachers, 30 cents; Senior Musical Theory, Part I, 10 cents; the School Music Teacher, 90 cents.

The advanced department of the Harvey school, Albert County, N. B., has been, since last October, in charge of W. A. Alward. Mr. Alward belongs to the class of '93, and is indefatigable in his efforts to make his school an ideal one.

The pupils of the school at Lynnfield, St. James, Charlotte Co., N. B., assisted by the young people of that place, held a very successful concert in the school room on Friday evening, March 30th. The sum of \$19.09 was raised, which will be taken to purchase a school-flag and window-curtains; the surplus, if any, will be used also in connection with the school, which is conducted by Miss Hattie J. Pinkerton.

The National Educational Association of U. S. A., with Hon. A. G. Lane, Supt. Public Schools, Chicago, President, will hold its 1894 meeting at Ashbury Park, N. J., July 6th to 13th, inclusive.