

RECENT BOOKS.

THE TEACHER'S MANUAL OF OBJECT LESSONS FOR RURAL SCHOOLS. By Vincent T. Murche, F.R.G.S. For senior classes. Cloth. Pages 306. Price 2s 6d. Macmillan & Co., London. 1902. Rural Reader to accompany the above, pages 292. Price 1s. 9d.

The author of this manual and the reading book which accompanies it has done much to awake the spirit and habit of observation and to foster a love of nature. He fully sympathizes with the country teacher and his work, and has made his book a storehouse of suggestions and facts from which the teacher may gather abundant material for classes in nature work. Both manual and reader are characterized by simplicity of language and sympathy with child nature.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA: Its Cause and Conduct. By A. Conan Doyle. Paper. Pages 140. Price 10 cents. Geo. A. Morang and Company, Toronto.

This book, in which the causes and conduct of the Boer war are stated with such clearness and evident absence of partiality, should be read by everyone. Its price puts it within the reach of all.

OUTLINES OF BOTANY. By R. G. Leavitt, A. M. Cloth. Pp. 272. The American Book Company, New York. 1902.

This new textbook on botany is designed for the high school class room and laboratory, and the author has based his work on Gray's Lessons in Botany. But he goes much further in giving a text more in accord with recent advances in the study of plant life and growth, embracing (1) a series of laboratory exercises in the morphology and physiology of phanerogams; (2) directions for a practicable study of typical cryptogams,

representing the chief groups from the lowest to the highest; and (3) a substantial body of information regarding the forms, activities and relationships of plants and supplementing the laboratory studies.

While the book lacks the clearness and easy naturalness which so eminently characterized Dr. Gray's textbooks, it makes up, in a great measure, by its conciseness, by suggestions to teachers and students regarding equipment, methods of presentation, and choice of material, and by the prominence given to plant life and function.

ANALYTICAL PSYCHOLOGY. A practical manual for colleges, normal and high schools. By Lightner Witmer, University of Pennsylvania. Cloth. Pages 251. Price \$1.50. Ginn & Co., Boston. 1902.

The facts and fundamental principles of psychology are here presented in clear, precise, and, as far as possible, non-technical language. Experiments, which the student is required to perform, are described so explicitly that they may be performed without much supplementary assistance from the instructor. Complicated and costly apparatus is not necessary. In fact, all the experiments can, with few exceptions, be performed without any apparatus. To attain this object, in the neighborhood of forty specially prepared charts are bound in with the manual and serve as material with which the student may perform the experiments required.

TEST PAPERS IN GENERAL KNOWLEDGE. By H. S. Cook, M.A., Oxon. Cloth. Pages 97. Price 1s. 6d. Macmillan & Co., London.

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