

with notes and vocabulary. Gautier's *La Jettatura* is intended for advanced students in French. An interesting introduction explains the nature of the superstitious belief in the Jettatura or spell which was supposed to be cast over one person by another. Interesting references to the mystery of the belief are made. The editor remarks that the belief is based on a true phenomenon. He cites hypnotism as an illustration.

In the copy before me a curious slip has occurred. Pages 50, 51, 54, and 55 are blanks.

The plan of the Empire Series of readers<sup>1</sup> published by the MacKinlay Bros., of Halifax, is a simple and natural one. Their prime object is to create an interest in all available topics in which children are interested, such as occur in their conversation at home and at play, and to use these with apt illustrations as the foundation of an easy and natural course of reading. The success of the readers can easily be foretold when one opens the books and watches the charming simplicity and naturalness which attends each step. Both editors and publishers are to be congratulated on the admirable way in which the work has been done.

We have received from the Secretary of the Dominion Educational Association, (Mr. A. McKay, Supervisor of Schools, Halifax) the Report<sup>2</sup> of the Third Convention of this Association, held in Halifax in 1898. It is a well-printed, well-bound, carefully-indexed volume of 450 pages. Unavoidable delay has been caused in the appearance of the Report by the loss of several papers, failure of authors to return proof-sheets promptly, etc., etc. Mr. McKay very pertinently advises that in future similar delay be prevented by giving the Secretary three copies of each paper—type-written, where possible—and by allowing the Secretary himself to correct the proof-sheets. We would recommend in addition the appointment of an assistant to aid in the collecting and editing of such a large store of materials. The Report, however, loses none of its interest by being a little late in coming out. Those who were present at the Convention will be interested in reviving their memories of what was said and done in this third great parliament of Canadian teachers, while those who were not present will find that it is no ephemeral interest which attaches to many of the very able and interesting papers prepared for that occasion, covering as they do almost all phases of work in such a wide field of educational subjects—School Inspection, Normal and Training Schools, Elementary Schools, including Kindergarten, Higher Education, and Industrial Education.

This volume should not only be placed in all school and college libraries where it may serve as a permanent record in the annals of educational thought and progress in Canada: it should be read—some of the papers will bear close study—by every thoughtful teacher in the Dominion. We have received the report too late to permit of our entering at any length in the present issue into the nature of the contents. Even in the short space of two years which have elapsed since these discussions took place, those who have a proper perspective in viewing the trend of educational progress in our midst and

any wide view a field, can already recognize some of the changes for the better which have been brought about in great measure by the deliberations of the educational leaders who assembled in Halifax on that occasion. In the case of those intending to be present at the next convention of the Association in Ottawa next year, no better preparation than the study of this Report can be imagined for bringing them into touch with the questions of the day, and enabling them to mark the progress which three years of activity have brought to pass in the section of the educational world embraced by our Dominion.

## JUNE MAGAZINES.

*The Living Age* for June 2nd has an attractive table of contents, including Count Tolstoi's *New Romance*, *Ladysmith* after the Siege, William Cowper, *Women's Clubs in America*, *Summer in the Forest*, and other interesting articles. . . . The *Canadian Magazine* contains a new poem by Dr. W. H. Drummond, entitled *Ma Leetle Cabane*, another delightful character sketch of the French habitant. *Canadian Celebrities*, No. XIV, *The Functions of a Governor-General*, Robert Barr and *Literature in Canada*, with *Current Events*, *People and Affairs*, *Book Reviews*, stories and descriptive sketches, make up a very interesting number. . . . The June Magazine Number of *The Outlook* is the eleventh annual illustrated recreation number. In this issue, as usual, much space is given to illustrated articles dealing with out-of-door and vacation topics. Among the writers are: Henry Van Dyke, who talks in a poetic and picturesque vein of Izaak Walton; William Gillette, the actor, who writes of *The House Boat in America*; Ernest Ingersoll, who has an illustrated review of Mr. Chapman's new book on *Bird Photography*. Other articles deal with fiction, recreation topics, *Paris Exposition*, coming conventions, travelling abroad, and, in addition, the usual editorial review of the week and comment on current affairs and new books. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, New York). . . . The *Atlantic Monthly* for this month is a bright and readable number. In addition to the stories and sketches, it has a generous share of its usual more solid literary and educational articles. William Cranston Lawton argues for the study of German as a substitute for Greek in high schools, maintaining that the use of Greek is abnormal, while that of German, which he would substitute, is far more educative, and for the life-work of the pupils is indispensable, especially so on account of the kinship of the nations and the languages. . . . A notable article in the *Century* is *The Problem of Increasing Human Energy*, contributed to the June number by Nikola Tesla, the electric investigator. Mr. Tesla regards mankind as a body in motion, and addresses himself to the problem of increasing its force. This can be done, he thinks, in three ways: by increasing its mass, reducing its friction, and adding to its velocity. The article is interesting from its human standpoint. . . . *St. Nicholas* is always bright and seasonable. There are fairy stories, and other stories more or less true; humorous and serious pictures; and, in nature and science, seasonable accounts of the doings of birds and reptiles, plants and trees. . . . The *Chautauquan* and the *Chautauqua Assembly Herald* are at hand, the former with its entertaining subjects, effectively pictured, and reading courses for busy people; the latter with its programme of lectures, concerts and entertainments for the season of 1900. . . . Rudyard Kipling, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Ian Maclaren are among the con-

<sup>1</sup> THE EMPIRE SERIES: *Infant Reader*; *Primer*, Parts I and II. Halifax, N. S. A. & W. MacKinlay, Publishers.

<sup>2</sup> THE DOMINION EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION. *The Minutes of Proceedings, with Addresses and Papers of the Third Convention of the Association, held at Halifax, N. S., August 2-5, 1898.* Published by the Association. Pp. 451; Price, 50 cents.