

### **Books Received and Reviewed.**

[All Exchanges and Books for Review should be sent direct to Dr. J. M. Harper, Box 305, Quebec, P.Q.]

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF SHAKESPEARE, by Dr. Hiram Corson, Professor of English Literature in the Cornell University, and published by Messrs. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, U.S.A. Those who have read Dr. Corson's Introduction to the Study of Robert Browning's Poetry cannot fail to find the same excellencies in his latest production which are to be found in the former work, and to which we formerly referred at some length. Shakespeare, as the dramatist is best understood when his works are studied as an outcome of the age in which he lived, and not as the exponents of an individual mind, and it is the purpose of the author to direct the student's attention to the lines which will guide him towards a full appreciation of the genius of the poet as the genius of the Elizabethan period, as he proceeds in his critical study of the greater of the plays. As the author says in a few explicit sentences in his preface, which we all cannot fail to appreciate: "The moral spirit with which Shakespeare worked, as distinguished from a moralizing spirit, is all-important to appreciate. His plays surpass all those of the contemporary dramatists in their moral proportion—in the harmony which they exhibit with the eternal fitness of things—in their truthfulness in respect to the fatalism of overmastering passion. Herein consists their transcendent educating value, and to come into the fullest sympathy with this moral proportion, with this harmony and truthfulness, should be the highest aim of Shakespearian culture."

OUR WORLD READER, by Miss Mary L. Hall, and published by Messrs. Ginn & Co., Boston, is of a character with Cassell's Citizen Reader, though more cosmopolitan in its character. As a series of first lessons in geography we know of nothing better, and predict for it a large circulation.

### **Official Department.**

#### **NOTICES FROM THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE.**

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased by an Order in Council of the 31st October, 1889, to detach the east half of the lots nine and ten in the fourth range of the township of Potton, Co. of Brome, and the west quarter of the lot number ten in the fifth range of the same township, and to annex them to the municipality of the village of Mansonville, Co. of Brome, for school purposes.

To appoint three members of the Roman Catholic Board of Examiners for Rimouski.

20th November. To appoint a school commissioner for the municipality of Les Eboulements, Co. Charlevoix; one for the municipality