

Book Notices.

THE NEW SCHOOL READERS.—The mountain has delivered—but so far only a mouse has come forth. The "First Reader, Part I," of the new Ontario series has been sent out for review, and it has been accorded by our Toronto daily papers a few short notices. It is well printed with a good clear type, and on excellent paper, therefore far in advance of any Reader heretofore in use. The cuts are numerous and well executed, with but the slight exception on p. 21, where an animal, we believe without a prototype, is made to do duty as a kid. Again, on p. 16, is a large cut—evidently of New York origin, for in no other State could the scene be realized, "A fat man," with flowing ringlets, is sitting in a well-padded easy chair, with his plug hat alongside, and with a palm-leaf fan in his hand! His cat watching with quiet satisfaction the progress of a doze. This is not Canadian!

The Script in imitation of Slate-writing is a good introduction and well done, but we should prefer the old form of the capital letter H. On p. 27, for instance, the difference between H and K is too microscopic to be discerned by children, and there is no occasion for the change.

In a first lesson book, in words of one syllable, is a child capable of understanding compound letters, as representing a word where that word is not once fully spelt in the book—as Mr. for Mister, p. 48-61.

Among the illustrations we have, on p. 11, "a gig," and on p. 21 "a gig." These vehicles are absolutely unlike each other, and the name is almost unknown among Ontario drivers—which cut is correct?

It is quite evident we are to have a new style of spelling introduced, so that children who have nearly finished their schooling will find themselves in arrear of newer pupils in this department, and many will be in woful plight at examinations. For instance, the old-fashioned axe is now spelt ax, contrary to usage and authority.

Again the compound word Di'gram is now robbed of its divisional accent and written Digram about thirty times in this little book. We should be glad to learn of any respectable authority for this change. Both Webster and Worcester have it divided with the accent mark. At any rate it is a word rarely used and to be found in few dictionaries, but no doubt will be perfectly understood by children using their primer.

The only excuse we can think of is its tendency to shorten words; but if the final non-sounded letter is to be dropped in axe, the Minister of Education must consent to lose a chop off his latter end and be Mr. Roa.

Of course the labouring population throughout the country will not raise an objection if the price of this primer is advanced 100 per cent., as its increased size and beauty will render parents perfectly satisfied to pay all that is asked—and more too.

PROSPECTS OF THE SEASON.—Our readers will find in the following List of Announcements, all, or nearly all, the books which may be expected to appear during the forthcoming season. If it be taken in connection with the list of works actually published during the past month, the quantity, at any rate will compare favourably with that presented to their at-

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