

Books Received and Reviewed.

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WEBSTER'S INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY, published by the Messrs. G. & C. Merriam & Co., Springfield, Mass. In referring to this new edition of the greatest of the dictionaries, we would at the beginning advise our teachers not to be deceived when they proceed to purchase Webster's Unabridged. An old edition has just been reproduced, which, considering the progress of the times since Noah Webster first saw it issued from the press, is utterly worthless. The above book is the legitimate successor of Dr. Webster's great work, and no pains have been spared to make it the standard authority in the meaning, pronunciation and derivation of words. Over a hundred persons have been engaged in preparing the work for the press, while more than three hundred thousand dollars have been expended in editing and illustrating it. Its preparation has been in progress for over ten years. Such a work ought of necessity to be in every one of our Academies and Model Schools, and when our teachers have matured their plans to obtain it, they should make application only to a respectable publisher. As far as we have applied our tests, we find that the revision has been of the most thorough character, while the words of the most modern date are without exception to be found in it. It is in every respect a splendid volume.

LESSONS IN RIGHT DOING, by Miss Emma L. Ballou and edited by The Teachers Publishing Co., New York.—This, as the first volume in a projected series in favour of child culture, is worthy of the highest commendation. There is an effort being put forth by some of our teachers to train children in sound morals, as in a physical and intellectual direction. The issue of this book will be a great encouragement to them. The book will certainly prove of great use in helping our little ones to fight the battle with evil, by giving them a practical insight into the real distinction between good and evil.

LONGMAN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL GRAMMAR, LONGMAN'S SCHOOL GRAMMAR AND LONGMAN'S SCHOOL COMPOSITION, by David Salmon and published by Longman's, Green & Co., New York and London, are three excellent text-books. There is a flavour of the natural method of imparting instruction about all of them, which will recommend them at once to the progressive teacher.

HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN ALABAMA, by Willis G. Clark, and the TEACHING OF HISTORY OF MATHEMATICS IN THE UNITED STATES, by Florian Cajori, are two of the latest issues from the Bureau of Education, Washington. We have spoken before of this department of educational work inaugurated by the Commissioner of Education, the Hon. N. R. H. Dawson. The above volumes will certainly be esteemed a prize by the educationist in America.