

This is a selection of easy scientific articles on topics of every day interest taken from actual publications, most of them from text books on science. Its great value is that it gives to German students a reader along the lines of science, in which there is such activity among the Germans, and serves as a preparation for the higher technical literature.

BEOWULF, An Anglo-Saxon Epic Poem, translated from the Heyne-Socin Text by John Leslie Hall. Cloth, pp. 110. Publishers, D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, Mass. This is a modest but successful effort to give to students of English Literature the venerable epic Beowulf, which stands at the dawn of English verse. The measure used in the present translation is believed by the author to be as near a reproduction of the original as modern English affords. There is appended a glossary of proper names, and the notes are particularly full.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

GRADUATED MATHEMATICAL EXERCISES, for home work. MacMillan & Co., London and New York.

GREEN'S SHORT HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH PEOPLE, illustrated (in parts) Parts VIII. and IX.; price one shilling each part. MacMillan & Co., publishers, London.

NATURE READERS, Seaside and Wayside, No. IV. D. C. Heath & Co., publishers, Boston.

DRESSMAKING, a technical manual for teachers. Publishers MacMillan & Co., London.

Current Periodicals.

The *New England Magazine* for May is as interesting and attractive as usual. From the number of New England topics treated this magazine has a deep interest for the descendants of the Loyalists in the Maritime Provinces. Among the contents for the month are, "Village Life in Old England," by Reuben Goldthwaites; "On the Track of Columbus," by Horatio F. Perry; "The Progress of the American Republic," by William Eleroy Curtis; "Governor Winthrop's Farm," by Abram English Brown; "Bermuda in Blockade Times," by Charles Halloch; "Henry Clay as Speaker of the House," by Mary Parker Tollet; "Ye Romance of Canso Bay I.," by Herbert M. Sylvester, illustrated by Elizabeth Le Baron March; and other articles. The illustrations are very fine, and the number an excellent one. . . . The *Atlantic Monthly* for June has a paper of great value to teachers by William T. Harris, LL. D., U. S. Commissioner of Education, entitled "The Education of the Negro." All sides of this subject are most thoughtfully and ably treated by the author, who has made his paper of still greater value by adding to it notes, opinions, and criticisms written by some of the leading men of the South, to whom it was sent before publication. . . . In *Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine* for May there is such an admirably arranged series of articles and facts on geography that wherever they are read, either in the home circle or school, they cannot fail to arouse interest and be of the greatest advantage. . . . The *Minerals Magazine* by the same publisher, is devoted to the study of minerals, by means of easy and pleasant talks on specimens. . . . The *June Wide Awake* is a picturesque and delightful number, with a varied table of contents in which are several pleasant stories for school children. . . . *St. Nicholas* for June is bright with story and illustration. . . . In the *Century* for June is an article on the "Growth and Change in College Education." . . . A stimulating article on present educational prob-

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lems will be contributed to *The Popular Science Monthly* for July, by Mrs. H. M. Plunkett. It is entitled "Kindergartens—Manual Training—Industrial Schools," and embodies some principles of training children that have not yet been duly appreciated.

EDUCATIONAL CIRCULARS.

Change in Text Books.

The following changes in the prescribed text books for use in the schools in New Brunswick, have been authorized by the Board of Education to take effect the first day of July, 1892.

1. **ENGLISH CLASSICS**.—Omit *Wordsworth's Excursion*, *Pope's Essay on Man*, and *Shakespeare's Hamlet*; and add the following: *Selections from Tennyson*:—*Gerald and Enid*, *Lockesley Hall*, *Lockesley Hall Sixty Years After*, *Ulysses*, *Sir Galahad*, *The Revenge*, with introduction and notes by J. E. Witherell, B. A.

Longfellow:—*Evangeline* or *Hiawatha*.
Macaulay:—*Biography of Johnson* or *Essay on Hallam's Constitutional History*.

Walter Scott:—*Quentin Durward* or *Ivanhoe*.
2. **ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION**.—Add *Meiklejohn's Short Grammar of the English Tongue* with appendix in Composition.

NOTE.—For the present, schools have the option of continuing the use of *Robertson's Grammar* and *Dalglish's Composition*, or of substituting *Meiklejohn's Short Grammar* and *Composition*, as the trustees and teachers may prefer. But both Grammars may not be used in the same school.

3. **ARITHMETIC**.—*Hamblin Smith's* instead of *Sangster's*.
4. **HISTORY OF GREECE AND ROME**.—*Smith's Smaller History of Greece*, and *Smaller History of Rome*; instead of *Collier's History of Greece*, and *Collier's History of Rome*.

5. **INDUSTRIAL DRAWING**.—Public School Drawing Course, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, instead of *Prang's Series*.

6. **INTRODUCTION TO CHEMICAL SCIENCE**, by R. P. Williams, instead of *Elliot and Storer's Chemistry*.

7. **THE PRACTICAL SPELLER**.
NOTE.—For the present, schools have the option of continuing the use of *Manning's Speller* or of substituting the *Practical Speller*, as the trustees and teachers may prefer. But both Spellers may not be used in the same school.

The following change will take effect on the first day of January, 1893:
8. *Spotten's High School Botany*, instead of *Gray's How Plants Grow*.
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May, 1892. Chief Supt. of Education.

Summer Vacations.

For the present year the Summer Vacations will begin on the first day of July and end on the twelfth day of August.

In the cities of St. John, Fredericton and Moncton, and incorporated towns organized under Section 105 of the School Law, the Summer Vacation will begin on the first day of July and extend to the twenty-sixth day of August.

Incorporated towns not organized under Section 105, and other districts which have heretofore had six weeks' Summer Vacation, may, on application to the Chief Superintendent, have the vacation extended to the twenty-sixth day of August.

Education Office, J. R. INCH, Chief Superintendent of Education,
May 1st, 1892.