

\* \* \* A great deal has been done in late years to bring up the standard of their profession. The *Globe* has always held that this could be best done by the teachers themselves, not by mere complaints, but by a steady line of assumption of the value of their services to the country, and that their natural conditions would improve as the people became aware, as they gradually would, how important and how beneficial is the work of education. Steadily the profession of school teaching has advanced in the estimation of the public, and if the advance has not been as rapid as some of the teachers would like, yet they must all admit that there is substantial progress, progress due in part to the better position taken by the teachers, consequent upon their own efficiency, which, in its turn, is due in a large degree to the increasing efficiency of the normal school. *St. J. G. L.*

#### BOOK REVIEWS.

**EASY THINGS TO DRAW.** Especially designed to facilitate drawing on the blackboard. E. L. Kellogg & Co., publishers, New York and Chicago; price 20 cents. This little work contains a collection of drawings (exceedingly simple, but presenting such an infinite and pleasing variety of forms that its use in the school-room for object-lessons and busy work would be of great advantage.

**ANGELIC CHORDS;** a collection of duets, trios and choruses for high schools and colleges. Publishers: J. Fischer & Bro., 7 Bible House, New York. This collection embraces twenty-four selections suitable for commencement and other occasions with words in English and German.

**NEW YORK STATE GRADED EXAMINATION QUESTIONS, WITH ANSWERS.** Cloth, 12mo., 220 pp. New York and Chicago: E. L. Kellogg & Co. \$1.00. This is, in a collected form, the questions given out by the Department of Public Instruction, commencing September, 1887, and ending August, 1889, with the answers. They contain many excellent questions in all branches, suitable for reviews and examinations.

**WORD BY WORD,** an illustrated spelling book for showing the structure of English words and training the vocal organs to clear enunciation. By J. H. Stickney, pp. 112, 12mo., \$0.22. (Boston, U. S. A., Ginn & Co., 1890.) This is a well arranged series of elementary lessons in reading and spelling, accompanied with models of script writing. It might be introduced during the second year of the primary course with very good effect.

**A REPORT** in regard to the *Times and Teachers* of HARVARD UNIVERSITY, made by a committee of students from other colleges now studying at Harvard, pp. 32. (Geo. H. Ellis, 141 Franklin St., Boston, 1890.) This was suggested, we presume, by some press criticisms on the great university. The result, we think, must be that Harvard will be more favorably known to the world than ever before.

**MANUAL OF EMPIRICAL PSYCHOLOGY.** As an inductive science, a text book for high schools and colleges, by Dr. Gustav Adolf Lindner, Professor in the University of Prague. Authorized translation by Charles DeGarmo, Ph. D. (Halle), Professor of Modern Languages in Illinois State Normal University. 12mo., pp. XIII. + 274. (Boston, D. C. Heath & Co., 1889.) Professor Lindner belongs to the Herbartian School, the members of which in Germany appear to lead in pedagogical thought. In this work the psychological system is based on the most rigid observation and not on assumed general axioms. The inductive or truth-seeking method is attempted to be followed instead of the inductive or hypothesis constructing method. Instead of making a bee line in space from an *a priori* starting point, he walks off with his hand upon the guide line of experience. The volume is not large and is well arranged. The style is clear and the thought is expressed without any unnecessary verbiage. It is well worth a place in the library of the teacher.

**SCHILLER'S BALLADS,** edited with introduction and notes by Henry Johnson, Ph. D., of Bowdoin College, Me.; **SEPT GRANDS ANTIQUES DU DIX NEUVIEME SIECLE,** by Alice Fortier, Tulane University of Louisiana. Publishers, D. C. Heath & Co., Boston. The above are convenient little volumes published in "Heath's Modern Language Series," the design of which is to furnish in a cheap and convenient form some of the best works of French and German authors, carefully edited and with judicious notes to aid the scholar.

#### RECEIVED.

**SYNTAX OF THE MOODS AND TENSES OF THE GREEK VERB,** by W. W. Goodwin. Ginn & Co., Boston.

**ÆSCHINES AGAINST CÆSIPHON,** by Prof. R. B. Richardson, Dartmouth College. Publishers, Ginn & Co., Boston, Mass.

**THE ELEMENTS OF ASTRONOMY,** by Prof. Chas. A. Young. Ginn & Co., publishers, Boston.

**ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY,** by Prof. Mills, of McGill University, from D. Appleton Company, publishers, New York.

**LAMARTINE'S JEANNE D'ARC;** Alexis Piron's **LA MÉTROMANIE,** a comedy in five acts. D. C. Heath & Co., publishers, Boston.

**ARITHMETIC FOR BEGINNERS.** London, MacMillan & Co., and New York.

#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

**1889, Flower's Guide** for 1890, published by Jas. Vick, Seedsman, Rochester, N. Y., is a marvel of beauty in its illustrations of plants. Those who are beginning gardening cannot do better than turn their attention to its pages. *St. Nicholas*, for February, contains a historical sketch by Prof. C. G. D. Roberts, of the United Empire Loyalists, the scene of which is laid in Sunbury County, N. B. . . . *Courier* for February contains instalments of the biographies of Lincoln and Joseph Jefferson. . . Prof. Fisher, in the third