

In memorization, as in other things, it is necessary also to strike while the iron is hot—and at the same time to keep it hot by striking. Memorize the passage as soon as possible after it is studied, and keep it fresh in the memory by frequent repetitions. The pupil who learns a passage to-day and then puts it aside for a month, will find that he has a large part of his work to do over again. A passage that is learned only for the purpose of immediate recall, which the pupil stumbles through with difficulty in class, is usually forgotten in a few days. If the pupil wishes to practise economy of effort, he will learn his work a little beyond what is necessary for immediate reproduction in the class-room.

Book Reviews

Soils and Crops, by Hunt and Burkett. 541 pages. Published by Orange Judd Company, New York City, and *Farm Animals*, by Hunt and Burkett. 534 pages. Published by Orange Judd Company, New York City. These are two companion volumes written by the two well known teachers of agriculture. They are not written primarily for the Agricultural College but for the High School pupil, and for that reason they have a particular interest for Canada, as in all the provinces an endeavour is being made to introduce this class of teaching. Both these books can be unhesitatingly recommended to such schools. Each book is divided into lessons of about equal length and these lessons are accompanied by what is called a "practicum". This corresponds to what we should call laboratory work, though in this case the laboratory may be the stable, the vegetable garden or the wheat field. This method cannot be praised too highly, as lessons on agricultural topics, to be made valuable, must be accompanied by concrete investigation. The language is always simple and numerous suggestive illustrations are interspersed. The agricultural teacher cannot afford to be without these books and all science masters will find them suggestive. G. A. C.

The Sergeant of Fort Toronto, by Geo. F. Millnes. The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto. 370 pages. Price \$1.25. Every teacher will be interested in reading this historical romance, the action of which centres about an old French fort on the site of the present city of Toronto. The story of the effect of "strongwater" on the Indians, of their attack on the fort, of their cunning in avoiding punishment, of their attitude toward the storekeeper, the abbé, and the mission—all these make delightful reading for the teacher who likes to get "local colour" for the embellishment of lessons in Canadian history. The book is first, last, and always an intensely engrossing story and not a history, but the character-sketching of the inhabitants of New France is such as to impress itself on the memory of the reader.