

burgh High School, then gave a very useful lesson in the teaching of Euclid. The concluding subject of the session was an address by the President on, "How to secure regular attendance." As some of the aids in securing this very desirable attainment Mr. Burrows recommended the following: 1. That the teacher should make the school room and its surrounding as attractive as possible. 2. That he cultivate a kind and courteous manner towards his pupils. 3. That he pay particular attention to those pupils who are the least precocious. 4. That he prepare the studies for each day so as to be able to impart to them a living interest. 5. That when occasion requires it, he visit the parents of absent pupils to make inquiries, and thus manifest his interest in them. On Friday evening a conversation was held in the Town Hall, under the auspices of the Teachers' Association, consisting of music, addresses, readings, recitations, and chemical experiments.

REVIEWS.

FIRST LATIN WRITER. By Geo. L. Bennett, M.A. (Livingtons). This is an excellent little book. It gives the essentials of Latin Grammar, and a large number of judiciously arranged exercises in Latin Composition. The structure of the simple sentence is carefully illustrated; then the compound sentence, with its various clauses; then follow a large collection of pieces for translation into Latin, with hints on the idiomatic expressions, &c. The work has both a Latin-English and an English-Latin vocabulary.

XENOPHON'S ANABASIS OF CYRUS, BOOKS I. AND II. By R. W. Taylor, M.A. (of Rugby School). This work contains an introduction and historical sketch, a short sketch of the principal rules of Greek Syntax, to which references are made in the text (a most valuable aid to students), and the necessary vocabulary. The English notes are evidently the work of a thorough and experienced teacher. Both the above books are admirably suited to the needs of students; for private students they are simply invaluable.

"THE CANADIAN ACCOUNTANT." Belleville, Ontario, Business College. Price \$2.00. This elaborate work on the science of accounts contains almost everything required in a reference book for business men, accountants, and bankers. The sets illustrating condensed practical methods of keeping accounts in all the various departments of business, show an extensively experienced knowledge of the subject on the part of the authors. Aside from practical book-keeping and its collateral branches, such as Business Paper, Commercial Arithmetic, Correspondence, Dealings with Banks, &c., the work contains rules for Measurement of Lumber, Logs reduced to Board Measure, Finding the Cubical Content of Square Timber, Round Timber, Estimating Carpenters' Work, Tiling or Slating, Plasterers' Work, Painters' Work, Stone Masons' Work, Bricklayers' Work, estimating Hay by the Load, Gauging, Measuring Wood, Land, &c. It should be read by teachers preparing for examinations.

AMES' ALPHABETS. New York: Bricknell & Comstock. A book of alphabets, prepared by Professor Ames, the celebrated Engrosser and Pen Artist of New York, adapted to the use of architects, engravers, engineers, artists, sign painters, draughtsmen, &c. It contains thirty different styles of alphabets, many of which are original, and now appear in print for the first time.

DICTIONARY OF SCIENTIFIC TERMS, William Collins, Sons & Company, London and Glasgow. This is a useful little book, octavo size, containing nearly 1,400 definitions of words used in popular scientific literature. The definitions are brief and clear. The work contains several hundred illustrations, which are of great service in giving a better understanding of the verbal definition.

MANUAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, A. S. Barnes & Co., New York. \$1.50. This is an abridgment of the exhaustive work of M. Calvo, published in 1872 in Paris. It is translated and edited by Dr. Gallaudat, of Washington. The editor contributes considerable original matter, and had the aid of several able and distinguished gentlemen in the preparation of his work. The historical sketch given of the progress of International

law is interesting and instructive. The greater divisions of the book are, 1. General Principles and Sources of International Law; 2. Essential Attributes of a State; 3. Rights, Powers and Duties of States (a) in time of peace, (b) in time of war; 4. Neutrality. The whole book, though technical enough for a text-book, is written so as to captivate the general reader.

THE TEACHER. McMillan & Co., London. This work is written by J. R. Blakiston, M.A., one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. It does not profess to treat exhaustively either the subject of School Management or Methods, but contains a good many sensible, practical suggestions, mainly relating to school management. Perhaps the most valuable portion of the book is that relating to sewing classes.

TOPICAL ANALYSIS. S. R. Winchell & Co., Chicago. 50 cents. In preparing this book the author had chiefly in view the systematizing of the preparation and outlining of lessons by teachers. He also aimed to save pupils the time and trouble of copying down these outlines after they have been given on the board by the teacher. Whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the advisability of the latter object, there can be doubt about the former, or the way in which this little book accomplishes its design. It would be of great use to teachers to give them models for lesson outlines, as well as for a comprehensive yet simple method of arranging a course of consecutive lessons. The outlines in Physiology and Hygiene are especially good.

THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST MAGAZINE. John Dickenson, Sutton Street, E. London, England. A large, beautifully illustrated monthly. It contains interesting stories, sketches, poetry, logic and biography. We can heartily recommend it to our readers as one of the best and most ably conducted religious magazines published in the English language.

POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY FOR JUNE. The June issue of this periodical well sustains its high character. There are several articles that should prove of great interest to teachers, among which are Prof. Trowbridge's on "The Study of Physics in the Secondary Schools;" and Prof. Brook's on "The Condition of Woman from a Zoological point of view." The remaining articles are interesting and suggestive.

ELEMENTARY ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY, AND HYGIENE. For schools and families. By Edwin Hlayter, M.D. "The necessity for much more widespread and universal knowledge on the structure and functions of the human body, and the causes of disease and means of avoiding them and preserving the health, is admitted by every one. * * * A want has been much felt, and frequently expressed, for an elementary work, suited to the masses of the people, especially the youthful portion, on the subjects of physiology and hygiene, and this want the author of this little book has endeavored to supply. While there are a number of excellent works on the same subjects in the hands of the public, they are, for the most part, either too large or too technical for general use, or too elementary or incomplete." The above is from the author's preface of the book under review. The work consists of about 170 pages, nearly half of which are devoted to anatomy and physiology, and the remainder to hygiene, with a large number of questions and a copious index. It is sufficiently illustrated, and the typographical appearance of the work is very good.

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY. June. In addition to the poems and stories we have Fine Arts at the Paris Exposition, with 22 illustrations, Brazil, No. 2, with 14 illustrations; The University of Berlin, with 6 portraits; Piercing the American Isthmus, with maps, &c., Matthew Arnold's Poetry; Edison and his Inventions; and Editorial work. A valuable number for educators.

HARPER'S MONTHLY, June, contains many sketches and tables of interest, and the following among other articles: The Honorable Hudson Bay Company, with 14 illustrations; Sketches in Tyrol: Grand days of Histories, with 10 portraits; Recollections of Agassiz, Draining a Village; and the usual unlimited and unsurpassed Editorial Departments of fun, wisdom and information.

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