

little bits of mystery and illusion mixed up in their explanations of simple phenomena! For them and with them, I wonder what makes the candle burn in the air as it does; and then we wonder what makes it go out when in the jar, and there is always some fantastical explanation given.

We have heard, ever since our school days, that a child never learns to doubt until he has been deceived; but either our seven-year-olds have been grossly imposed upon, or our pretty maxim is not true. Without touching the wick, light the gas as it escapes from the newly extinguished candle flame; ask why it lights and hear those little doubters explain: "The fire fell off the match," "It lit the smoke," "It ran down the wire," etc. Truly, teachers, a terra incognita lies before us, but our Columbus has crossed over to its Indian shores, and we have only to push through the tropical jungles, and subdue the little savage intellects, feelings and wills, and civilization and enlightenment will follow in our wake.

BOOK REVIEW

The Journal is pleased this month to be able to recommend to its readers "Nelson's History of the War," a series of reasonably-priced books by Mr. John Buchanan, a writer of great skill and address.

This is no hurried computation, but a carefully considered, well-informed and finely-written group of histories, forming a work that is at once reliable, philosophic, vivid, and more or less critical.

The first number recounts the events of the conflict ending with the fall of Namur; the second deals with the stirring days from the Battle of Mons to the German retreat to the Aisne; and the third, which will be issued by April 21st, will describe the Battle of the Aisne and the principal movements down to the fall of Antwerp. The continuation of the history will be looked forward to by many with interest, for it is a story of the war told in a readable narrative. Good reading for the present time, and an authoritative record for the future. Every teacher should endeavor to possess the complete series, which may be obtained of Thomas Nelson & Sons, Tyrrell Building, 95-97 King Street East, Toronto.

How to Carry Money

The first consideration of intending travellers should be towards arranging to carry their funds safely and in such a manner that they will be readily negotiable. With the development of banking facilities it has come to be generally recognized that Travellers' Cheques afford complete safety, while at the same time travellers who carry them will find that they can obtain funds by this medium in all countries which they may visit. These cheques will be found most useful and convenient, as the exact amount of foreign money which will be paid in each country is plainly stated on the face of the cheques, thus preventing loss in exchange and obviating the necessity of providing oneself beforehand with the currency of the country visited. In a few foreign countries a trifling deduction is made for stamp duties. By referring to the cheques the traveller can also ascertain the currency in use in the country through which he is passing.

These cheques, which are issued by all branches of the **Canadian Bank of Commerce**, who have an office at 2 Lombard Street, London, E.C., are enclosed in a neat leather pocket case, occupying no more space than a small purse, and are accompanied by a booklet in which is inscribed for identification the signature of the purchaser, authenticated by an officer of the bank. The book also contains a list of the banks and various institutions where arrangements have been made for their encashment, and to insure safety it should be carried in a different pocket to that containing the cheques.

To the average traveller is recommended the purchase of \$20 and \$50 cheques, with a small number at \$10, to provide a sufficient currency for the requirements of a day or two in any of the smaller foreign countries. The charge for these is 50 cents per \$100, which in view of the facilities accorded is a most reasonable one.

The cheques are in such general use that they are cashed without hesitation at practically all large hotels, as well as on board ship, etc., and those who carry them have invariably expressed their satisfaction through their use.