

A College Algebra. By Prof. Wentworth. (Boston: Ginn & Co.) Pp. 494. After a brief review of the principles of elementary algebra, the author devotes the remaining space to the treatment of quadratic equations, the binomial theorem, choice, chance, series, determinants, and the general properties of equations. The treatment of each subject is full and systematic. Answers are published separately, and only supplied at the request of teachers.

A Preparatory French Reader. By Prof. Super. (Boston: D. C. Heath & Co.) Pp. 224. The appearance of this new French reader is pleasing, the type and arrangement being excellent. It is divided into three parts, containing respectively short tales from Hans Christian Andersen translated into French, selections from Erckman-Chatrian, Dumas, Daudet, etc., a longer selection, and several short poems. Notes and a vocabulary are added.

A First Book in German. By H. C. G. Brandt. (Boston: Allyn & Bacon.) \$1. In this text book Part I. of the German grammar by the same author and Ledeman's Exercises are issued together, for the use of pupils in secondary schools who have already made some progress in German. Complete English-German vocabularies are supplied. We are sure this book, which has been thoroughly revised and carefully prepared for students, will be found a good one.

Principia Latina. Part IV. An introduction to Latin Prose Composition. By Dr. Smith. (London: John Murray, Albemarle St.)—Dr. Smith is well known as the author and editor of numerous dictionaries, and other books for the use of students, several of which are largely used in Canada. The present is the seventeenth edition of Part IV Principia Latina, and consists of a complete series of exercises, to each of which is prefixed the syntactical rules illustrated and enforced by the exercise. The special detailed treatment of synonyms and grammatical difficulties is a noteworthy feature, and we recommend this book to our readers as a scholarly and valuable production.

The Clarendon Press Series. Elementary Chemistry. By W. W. Fisher, M.A., F.C.S. (Oxford: At the Clarendon Press; London: Henry Frowde.)—Mr. Fisher has prepared a very valuable compendium of the fundamental laws, principles and facts of chemical science, and has arranged this material in a skillful manner as a class book. Much attention is wisely devoted to general chemical phenomena, water, air, laws of chemical action, etc., and the author has diligently availed himself of what has been brought to light by recent researches.

Popular Poets of the Period. Nos. 1 and 2. 6d. each. Edited by F. A. H. Eyles. (London: Griffiths, Farran & Co.) Among the authors represented in these little books are Lewis Morris, Sir Edwin Arnold, Dean Pumptre, Rev. Newman Hall, Coventry Patmore and Isabella Fyvie Mayo (Edward Garrett.) The biographies are interesting and well written, and the specimen poems added are in the best sense popular, and frequently suitable for recitation. It is to be regretted that many of our living poets are so little known, and we hope Canadian teachers will avail themselves of these helpful books.

A Popular History of England. By H. W. Ducken, Ph.D. (London: Ward, Lock & Co.) Pp. 536. This history is written in a popular style, and is profusely illustrated. Two good features about the book are the large space devoted to the history of our own time and the attention given to the interests and progress of the great British colonies. We observe (p. 508) that the Fenians gave up the idea of invading Canada on March 17, 1866, and as no mention of Limeridge occurs, we conclude that the author thinks they did not come at all. But we should hardly find fault with a book which, on the whole, is so satisfactory.

Practical Exercises in English Composition. By H. I. Strang, B.A. (Toronto: Copp, Clark & Co.) The readers of the MONTHLY will be glad to hear that Mr. Strang has re-published, in book form, the valuable *Exercises in English* which have