

large, handsomely-illustrated pamphlet of forty pages. This book is issued by direction of Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, and thousands of copies are distributed gratuitously. The Sifton publication is called "Atlas of Western Canada." It contains the up-to-date maps of all the provinces and districts of Canada; its statistics are reliable, and the letter-press makes extremely bright and entertaining reading. The reader is surprised and delighted with the description of our magnificent land of plenty in the great West. Take it all in all this book shows how interesting the study of geography can be made.

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"Tarr and McMurry's Geographies."—First Book: Home Geography, and the Earth as a Whole. By Ralph S. Tarr, B.S., F.G.S.A., and Frank M. McMurry, Ph. D. (7 x 5 in., pp. xv., 279, with Maps and Illustrations; price 3s. 6d. Macmillan.)

This is the first volume of a series of three. The second is to deal with North America, and the third with Europe and the other continents. Mr. Tarr is Professor of Physical Geography at Cornell University, and Mr. McMurry is Professor of the Theory and Practice of Teaching at Teachers' College, Columbia University. They begin with home geography as all good teachers of geography do.

As the children's surroundings, however, do not always contain all that is necessary, the first part of the book is devoted to giving information about, and suggestions for the study of, such common things as soil, hills, valleys, indus-

tries, climate, and government, which are part of every child's environment, and then deals with other matters such as mountains, rivers, lakes, and the ocean, which, though absent from many localities, are, nevertheless, necessary as a preparation for later study. In this part of the book the authors are, in our opinion at their best, and all engaged in teaching geography will find these hints, good examples to study, for adoption.

In doing this, pictures, which are mainly photographs of the actual objects, are profusely used, and everything is considered in the light of its relationship to mankind—geography being here, and very rightly, considered to be the study of the relation between the earth and man. The maps, which come later and also are numerous, are clear, well colored, and of moderate size, nothing being inserted which is not actually needed.

The "questions for review" and the "suggestions" given at the end of each section have struck us as likely to be useful as a rule, and so are the two lists of books of reference given—one at the end of each part. Of course, the volume is intended for children in the United States and the States naturally occupy the lion's share of the space. This feature of the book is rather overdone and British subjects might be spared, the well meant remark that they are allowed considerable freedom.

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