

more than one respectable zoologist whose services the Fisheries Department could obtain. If not, let us import one. Our inland position makes it difficult to train men suitably for the work in Ontario, but our brethren "down by the sea" are better situated. In any case, let us not again send to one of the world's capitals a set of collections that, indeed, do credit to our material resources, but disgrace our men of science in the eyes of all the world.

REVIEWS.—The power of the press was never more fully felt or more thoroughly appreciated than at the present. This is the age of cheap literature—books, magazines and papers. The stores are flooded with pamphlets, books and libraries; the good and the bad, the useful and the useless are mixed together heterogeneously, enticing many with their attractive appearance, and especially with their cheapness. We are often tempted to buy a book simply because it is cheap, not waiting to see whether we need it, or whether it is useful to anyone. In this busy, bustling age we must make the most of our opportunities, read only what will be of service, and will elevate and improve the mind. A great deal of time is wasted in choosing works, in finding out the profitable. Each one, of course, must choose for himself, but there has come to his aid in these modern days a person whose work is not fully appreciated, especially by the larger and less cultivated reading class,—the reviewer, whose task it is to separate the wheat from the chaff, explain the lines of treatment, point out dangerous conclusions, and in every way prepare the mind for the reception of truth.

We have on our table the last two volumes of the Humboldt Library, which has so far done a grand work in presenting science in a cheap and popular form before the reading public. The publications are issued monthly by J. Fitzgerald, New York, \$1.50 per year or 15c. per volume. No. 49 is on "The Sun," by Judge Carr, of Indiana, and is a popular consideration of the constitution, condition and phenomena of the sun. Surely if a learned judge upon the bench has time to