

per and Brothers, New York. Prof. Hill has revised and enlarged his valuable assistant to the study of English composition. It is a book intended only for the more advanced student, and in the present edition some difficulties have been removed along with such work as the author has considered too elementary.

As we go to press, Mr. Strang's little book on "Grammatical Analysis," which we are very ready to welcome, makes its appearance on the table, from the press of Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co., Toronto. It is divided into two parts, Part II consisting of passages for analysis, selected chiefly from English Classics, and arranged according to difficulty, and Part I being a brief exposition of a method of teaching analysis, with which our readers will be familiar from reading valuable papers on the subject contributed to our columns from time to time by Mr. Strang. This book, we are convinced, will do much to improve the teaching of grammar in our schools. The methods recommended are clear and satisfactory, and the judgment and skill shown in the selections given will be appreciated by all true teachers.

"Map Modeling in Geography," by Dr. A. E. Maltby. E. L. Kellogg & Co., New York. This book has been prepared by an experienced teacher, and will prove of great assistance to anyone beginning instruction in Geography and History. From the same publishers we have received "One Hundred Lessons in Nature about my School House," by F. O. Payne. This is not a philosophical treatise on nature, but a collection of one hundred suggestive lessons which may be given by any teacher to his pupils on the common objects of every day school life.

From the Cambridge University Press "The Epistles to Timothy and

Titus." With this volume the Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges is completed. One can but repeat that no more satisfactory help to the study of the Bible for teachers can be found than this. The practical and scholarly method of explanation, and the even and safe mean of judgment which is maintained throughout, cannot but win for it the approval of all those who study it.

THE MUTUAL RESERVE FOR 1896.

The figures which appear elsewhere, and which were submitted at the annual meeting of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, require no addition and but little comment. So uniform and continuous has been the successful progress of this Association that the record of another year is but the natural development for that period. Still it is none the less gratifying to its friends and agreeable to its Managers that the Association passes 1895 and its important changes in administration without interrupting its growth, strength and prosperity. President Burnham has taken up with vigour and intelligence the duties devolving upon him by the death of President and Founder Harper, and closes the first year of his administration with a record of which the company, and he particularly, may well be proud. Last year the company's new business was \$69,000,000; its payments of death claims more than \$4,000,000; and in all its lines it shows a steady increase of business, in income, in surplus and in assets. Its membership now exceeds 105,000. The business in Canada last year amounted to over \$5,700,000. The amount of insurance in force in Canada exceeds twenty millions of dollars, and over one million dollars has been paid out to the beneficiaries of policy-holders in the Dominion.