

"King Lear," in the Pitt Press Shakespeare for Schools, edited by A. W. Verity. University Press, Cambridge. Among other valuable assistance collected for the study of this play will be found Charles Lamb's notable criticism of it.

From the Cambridge University Press we have received, also, "The First Book of Maccabees," edited by W. Fairweather and J. Sutherland Black, and "Quand j'Étais Petit," part 2, by Lucien Biart, edited by James Boielle.

Other books received are:—"A School History of the United States," by John Bach McMaster. The American Book Company, New York. "Histoire de la Première Croisade," edited by A. V. Houghton. Macmillan & Co., through their Toronto agents the Copp, Clark Co. "Little Lessons in Plant Life for Little Children," by H. H. Richardson, B. F. Johnson Publishing Co., Richmond. "The Natural System of Vertical Writing," by A. F. Newlands and R. K. Row. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.

"An Elementary Course of Infinitesimal Calculus," by Horace Lamb. The University Press, Cambridge.

"This book attempts to teach those portions of the Calculus which are of primary importance in the application of such subjects as Physics and Engineering." The students at our Colleges, etc., reading with the intention of taking honors in Mathematics and Physics will find in this book much to aid them in their course of preparation.

"Gems of School Song," selected and edited by Carl Betz. American Book Company, New York. There is always an opening for good songs prepared for school use, and in the

present text-book many will be found admirably adapted for that purpose. Selections have been made from the songs in use in Germany, many of which have not been before set to English words.

"Higher Arithmetic," by W. W. Beman and D. E. Smith. Ginn & Company, Boston. This text-book is intended more particularly for review work and deals with arithmetic as a science and not as a commercial convenience.

Eldredge and Brother, Philadelphia, have recently published a revised edition of Dr. Hart's "Manual of Composition and Rhetoric." The revision, which includes a new division on Invention, is the work of the author's son, and is modern in its character.

A book which will be of interest to Canadian educationists is "The Universities of Canada, their history and organization, with an outline of British and American University Systems." It has been prepared as an appendix to the report of the Minister of Education for 1896.

THANKFULNESS.

When gratitude o'erflows the swelling heart,
And breathes in free and uncorrupted praise,
For benefits received, propitious heaven
Takes such acknowledgment as fragrant incense,
And doubles all its blessings.

—Lillo.

Or any ill escaped, or good attained,
Let us remember still Heaven chalked the way
That brought us thither.

—Shakespeare.