

## Hints for the Library

*Better Rural Schools*, by Betts and Hall. The Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis. McLeod and Allen, Toronto. 512 pages. This book is written especially for rural school teachers and administrators, and is very practical. It deals very frankly with the petty details of management which worry the young teacher. Numerous practical problems are raised and discussed. "Consolidation is looked upon as the most important single factor in improving rural education, hence this subject is accorded detailed and extensive consideration"; and for this consideration 114 pages of the book are used. The authors recognize, however, that "the one-room school is still the largest factor in rural education and will continue to be so for years to come" and, therefore, they devote about four-fifths of the volume to such topics as the curriculum of the rural school, the teacher and the community, organization, management, care of buildings and grounds, school hygiene, equipment of the playground, giving in every case such minute details as the best way to construct a swing, a slide, and a sand-bin. The book is so simply written, and so practical that it cannot fail to be interesting and helpful to every teacher.

*Journeys in Industrial England*, by W. J. Claxton, published by George G. Harrap and Company, London. 192 pages. Price 24 cents. An excellent little work. The author brings before his readers some of the romance and the reality of the great industries by which England's industrial life is sustained. He does not attempt to go minutely into the processes employed in various manufactures, but takes his readers on interesting and very instructive little journeys through paper mills, ship-building yards, slate quarries, chocolate factories and many other centres of English industry. The book is well printed and profusely supplied with photographs.

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*William the Silent*, by Agnes M. Miall, published by George G. Harrap and Company, London. 190 pages. Price 24 cents. Miss Miall has evidently written primarily for the young. Many interesting anecdotes are included which the average biographer would omit and these are well told. The book is illustrated, and altogether is a rather admirable little biography.

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*Beginners' French*, by Max Walter and Anna Woods Ballard. 249 pages. Price \$1.00. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. This book, based on the Reform Method of teaching languages, is the most advanced of this type yet published in America. The phonetic alphabet is em-