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BOOK REVIEWS.

KENNEDY'S VIRGIL, 2ND EDITION. Longmans, Green & Co. Dr. Kennedy's edition of Virgil at once met with a formidable reception in England. We venture to say that the improvements of the second edition will greatly enhance the value of the work. The notes which, in the first edition, were arranged under three divisions, are now fused into one; the Commentary has been considerably enlarged; the Syntax and Indexes have been greatly enlarged, and an excellent metrical version of the Eclogues has been added. We heartily recommend this book to teachers and students as the best edition of the *Mantuan* Bard that has yet appeared in the English language.

UN PHILOSOPHIE SOUS LES TORTS. By Stievenard. Longmans, Green & Co. We have carefully examined this edition of a very popular little work by Souvestre (which, by the way, has to be read this year in the High Schools), and find it all that the young student of French could desire. The notes are copious, and evidently written by a teacher who has had practical experience of the difficulties usually encountered by English students of the French language. The student will welcome the frequent translations of difficult sentences, and idiomatic phrases. This edition is the best that the teacher can put into the hands of his pupils.

ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA. By Shelton P. Swinford, A. M., Professor of Mathematics in Mercer University, Ga.; Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott & Co. Elementary algebras are so numerous, the ground they extend over has been so thoroughly explored, that he would be a genius indeed who would make any fresh discoveries, or even furnish us with any fresh treatment of the subject. The book, the title of which is given above, is, we think, up to the average of such works. The examples are exceedingly simple, but doubtless this is by design. The printing, binding and paper are excellent.

ELEMENTS OF NATURAL PHILOSOPHY. By Edwin J. Houston, A.M., Professor of Physical Geography and Historical Philosophy in the Central High School, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Eldredge & Brother. A very readable book, well illustrated; as a school book it will doubtless be found as useful as most non-mathematical works on the subject.

HOUSTON'S EASY LESSONS IN NATURAL PHILOSOPHY; Philadelphia, Eldredge & Brother. A still more elementary work than the preceding, by the same author, and similar in its plan.

MAGAZINES.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for October is an excellent number, and contains a singularly various collection of articles. Besides the usual amount of prose, fiction, and poetry, there are articles on topics connected with art, literature, political economy, history, and travelling. He must be hard to please who cannot find something to his taste in this number. The writer has been very much interested by an article entitled *Sincere Demagogues*, which gives a valuable summary of the socialist opinions that are taking possession of the working men in the United States and strengthening the hands of such political leaders as Kearney of San Francisco. Teachers will read with pleasure a notice of a new edition of Webster's Dictionary.

FRAZER'S MAGAZINE for September fully maintains its well-earned reputation. "Mary Ankerly" is continued. "Mr. Froude's Caesar," by Professor W. Y. Sellar, from the nature of the subject and the great ability of the critic and the criticism, possesses a special value for teachers of history. Mr. Froude himself contributes an article on Choneys and the House of Russell, which shows that his pen has not lost the cunning that has made him the most readable of the great living English historical writers. The other articles are—My Journal in the Holy Land, by Mrs. Brasse; Tenant Right in Ireland; In the Corsican Highlands, by the Hon. Rothen Noel; A Hungarian Episode, Zigeuner Music, by the Author of *Flemish Interiors*, *Holiday Travel-Books*; and *The Close of the Season*.

THE CONTEMPORARY REVIEW. Strahan & Co., London. Contents: The future of China; Annuals and Plants, by George Stewart; The Artistic Dualism of the Renaissance, by Vernon Lee; The Social Philosophy and Religion of Compe, by Professor Caird; The Problem of the Great Pyramid, by R. A. Proctor; Conspiracies in Russia under the reigning Czar, by Karl Hind; Political and Intellectual Life in Greece, by N. Kasasis; The First Sin, as recorded in the Bible and in Ancient Oriental tradition, and some interesting critical reviews of contemporary books. It is a very valuable number.

THE WESTERN (September-October). G. J. Jones & Co., St. Louis. Contains Frederick Hohenstauffen the Second, by A. E. Kroeger; The Snow Mist; The Artist and his Purpose, by Cyrus Cobb; Life Linguistic Reveries; the Bachelor Poet and the Peasant Girl, by J. Munford Kerr; Philosophy of Art, W. M. Bryant; Book Reviews; Current Notes.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE for September (American Edition, Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 41 Burely St., N. Y.) contains Part VII. of the interesting serial story, "Riata," or What's in a Name; an interesting article on the Prize French Novel, by Hector Malot; a very readable article (Part I.) on Syria, under the Caption, "Among the Druses," The conclusion of Godfrey's White's Queen, Rufus Hickman of the Helolpys, and Review of the Session.

HARPER'S MONTHLY. Four interesting and amply illustrated articles on Travel, "On the Skirt of the Alps," "The Conuenara Hills," "Through Texas," and "A Ramble in Central Park," will bring the wide world with its wonders and beauties to many a fireside during the wet evenings of October; "Painted Glass in Household Decoration," and No. III. of "Fifty Years of American Art," are timely. Harper's is scarcely ever issued without some article specially intended to develop the best tastes of the people.

POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY. If teachers were only to read one magazine in addition to their professional journals, probably "The Popular Science Monthly" would do more than any other published in America to keep them abreast with the advanced thought of the world. Prominent among the articles for October are: I. "Protoplasm and Life," by Professor G. J. Altman, LL.D., F.R.S.; II. "John Stuart Mill," by Alexander Bain, LL.D.; III. "Micro-Organisms and their effects in Nature," by Professor W. S. Baynard Ph. D.; IV. "Science and Philosophy of Recreation," by George J. Romanes; V. "Mythologic Philosophy," I. By Major J. W. Powell; VI. "A Home-made Spectroscope," by James J. Furniss. (Illustrated.) VII. "The Source of Muscular Power," by H. P. Arnsby; VIII. "The Results of Abstraction in Science," by Charles T. Haviland; IX. "The Age of Ice," by H. B. Norton. (Illustrated.) X. "Sketch of Professor Frankland." (With Portrait.)

ST. NICHOLAS. Scribner & Co., New York. The Departments are laden with charming articles this month.

DAY OF REST. An excellent Sunday Magazine. It has two continued Serials—Be-be, the Nailmaker's Daughter, and the Wards of Plotemis: The Holy Communion; A Vintage Sketch; Count and Countess De La Garayo; What think ye of Christ; The Profit of Prayer; Work in Dark Places; and a Poem with Music, Saviour take me for Thine Own."

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