

From the Same—Elementary Biology (descriptive and experimental). By John Thornton, M.A., Head Master Central Higher Grade School, Bolton. 3s. 6d.

The reader will recognize the touch of the master accustomed to examinations and the preparation of pupils for examinations. The information is timely and presented methodically. We commend it to the profession, and also to students not attending any school.

Flower Legends and other Poems. By Miss Alma Frances McCollum. Cloth, gilt top. \$1.00. William Briggs, Toronto.

This is a book of verse about flowers and children, of 116 pages. There is one poem in it which is the "salt" to save it from utter condemnation. We mean "Am I my Brother's Keeper?" This poem promises of much better work than we have in this volume. We hope Miss McCollum will cultivate the gift indicated by "Am I my Brother's Keeper?"

Chronique du Regne de Charles IX. Par Prosper Merimee. Adapted and edited by Ernest Weekley, M.A. John Murray, London, Eng. 1902. 2s. 6d.

This book marks a new departure in a series of French Readers on the "direct" method of teaching modern languages. Both text and explanatory notes are in French and assist research rather than discourage it while elucidating difficulties. This is the first and best of French historical novels, though it appeared as long ago as 1829. The story is of the time of St. Bartholo-

mew's Massacre. The characters are the elementary natures, the strong men of action, whom Rudyard Kipling has reintroduced into English literature, after Walter Scott. Subjoined is a sketch of the life and works of the author. The typographical work is beautiful and sustains the high reputation of the publisher.

The Romance of Canadian History. Francis Parkman; edited by Prof. Pelham Edgar, Ph.D. Geo. N. Morang & Company, Toronto.

It is now a matter of history how Parkman prepared himself for his great work: getting his materials by years of patient toil in the New World and in the Old; subjecting himself to times of privations and dangers in following the wild tribes of America in their journeys through the savage wildernesses of the unexplored lands of North America. The result is these volumes, a monument more enduring than brass. The editor thus states his aim: "The effort has been made to present a succinct and continuous narrative of early Canadian history, based upon the masterly volumes of Francis Parkman. The editor has sought to preserve the picturesqueness of the incidents which Parkman has so graphically described, and to this end has not deviated from the actual language of the original, save to furnish the connecting links." These connecting links have been well and fittingly done. We can highly recommend this handsome volume to teachers, scholars, and the public of Canada. The history of Canada should be a fascinating story to the people of Canada.