

hope to be able to give some extracts from it in our next issue.

MESSRS. MACMILLAN & CO., London and New York, have issued a new and revised edition of their valuable Educational Catalogue, forming a volume of over 100 pages, 12 mo., embodying, beside their own comprehensive list, the well-known "Clarendon Press Series" and "Pitt Press Series," of Oxford and Cambridge Universities. All teachers and students will naturally desire to see this catalogue of standard works by some of the ablest writers of the educational world.

THE Report of the Commissioner of Education for the year 1881, issued from the Government Printing House, Washington, is a mine of information concerning the schools of the United States. In this closely printed octavo of 840 pages there is a full and concise account of the educational machinery, with a summary of results. It is a complete *corpus* of educational facts, and is in every way creditable to Mr. Commissioner Eaton and the United States Government.

WE have also to acknowledge the receipt from Mr. Commissioner Eaton, circulars of information of the Bureau of Education. No. 2, 1884, "The Teaching, Practice, and Literature of Shorthand," by Julius Ensign Rockwell, stenographer; and No. 3, 1884, "Illiteracy in the United States in 1870 and 1880," with diagram and observations, by Chas. Warren, M.D., with an appendix on "National Aid to Education," by J. L. M. Curry, LL.D., general agent of the Peabody Education Fund.

THAT sterling publication, *The Critic and Good Literature*, (the *Good Literature* Publishing Co., New York), as may be seen from the index to vol. I (new series), January to June, 1884, contains a large amount of literature and literary information of value to the reading teacher. We say once more to all our readers, if you are not acquainted with the *Critic*, do not delay in seeking an introduction to it. You will find the quality excellent.

FASCICULUS No. 2., vol. II., July, 1884. *Proceedings of the Canadian Institute* contains the papers by Prof. George P. Young, University College, Toronto, that have attracted the marked attention, as noticed in THE MONTHLY, of the mathematical world: "Principles of the Solution of Equation of the Higher Degrees," and "Resolution of Solvable Equation of the Fifth Degree," and also "The Real Correspondence of Imaginary Points." Among other papers of interest to the learned may be mentioned Principal Buchan's "Flora Hamiltonensis;" Prof. Campbell's "The Khitan Languages," and Dr. McNish's "Gaelic Topography of

Wales and the Isle of Man," the latter of very special interest to students of history and geography.

THE *Atlantic Monthly* (Houghton, Mifflin, & Co., Boston), is always delightful reading, but is especially grateful in the holidays. The critical reader is always sure of finding in it some subtle analysis of character, some gem of poetry, some masterly book review. "Choy Susan" in the July Number, and "Dinky" are rare bits of magazine reading. The mere mention of "In War time," by Mitchell, "The Twilight of Greek and Roman Sculpture," "A Cook's Tourist in Spain," "The Edia Among the Algonquin Indians," by Chas. G. Leland, and "The Anatomizing of Shakespeare," by Richard Grant White, ought to attract the attention of the general reader to this excellent number.

THE August *Eclect* (E. R. Felton, New York), has the usual appetising bill of fare for the cultivated reader. Nineteen papers from the best of the Foreign Magazines, together with "Literary Notices," "Foreign Notes" and the "Miscellany" form sufficient literary pabulum for a whole week. One cannot read everything that comes in his way, and holiday-time ought to be devoted to laying in a store of health for the next term, but we must find leisure for reading now "Le Style C'est l'Homme," from the *Fortnightly*; "Some Remarkable Love Letters," from the *Pall Mall Gazette*; "An English Princess," from *Merry England*; and Kingsley's "Juventus Mundi," from *Macmillan*.

THE *Popular Science Monthly* (D. Appleton & Co., New York) contains no less than thirteen articles besides "The Editor's Table," "The Literary Notices," "The Popular Miscellany and Notes." Of special professional value is Professor Woodward's "The Fruits of Manual Training." He holds that the fruits of manual training when combined, as it always should be, with generous mental and moral training are: (1) Larger classes of boys in the Grammar and High Schools; (2) Better intellectual development; (3) A more wholesome moral education; (4) Sounder judgments of men and things and of living issues; (5) Better choice of occupations; (6) A higher degree of material success, individual and social; (7) The elevations of many of the occupations from the realm of brute, unintelligent labour to one requiring and rewarding cultivation and skill; (8) The solution of "labour" problems. We commend to the notice of all students of Botany, the paper on the "Diseases of Plants," by Prof. Penhallow, of McGill University.