

teach many important lessons in Physical Geography and allied subjects.

The Educational Ideal. By James P. Munroe. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co. Another work under almost the same title, was published six or eight years since, by Mrs. Sophie Bryant, D.Sc., of the North London Collegiate School. That, however, was wholly philosophical in treatment, while this is historical. Mr. Munroe begins with "Rabelais, Bacon and Comenius" and concludes with a chapter on "Women in Education," making his chief object the enquiry into the growth of the ideal of education in modern times. As the author himself hastens to admit, the book is inadequate, but it will be of service.

Four Years of Novel-Reading (Boston: D. C. Heath & Co.) An account of a union formed for the purpose of reading Classical novels at a University Extension Centre in England and some specimens of its work form the interesting contents of this tasteful booklet. English teachers will get several useful hints from this little book.

We are indebted to Messrs MacMillan & Co., St. John, N.B., for a copy of their excellent *Nautical and Agricultural Almanac* for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Messrs. MacMillan & Co. have just issued from their New York house a revised American Edition of the *Arithmetic for Schools*, by Chas. Smith, M.A., of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and the *Elementary Algebra* by H. S. Hall and S. R. Knight. (90 cents. and \$1.10 cents. respectively). The American Editors are Mr. C. L. Harrington and Mr. F. L. Sevenoak. It would be difficult to find any modern mathematical text books which are more satisfactory than these and we have no doubt that

the American editions will be highly appreciated.

Frye's Complete Geography. Boston: Ginn & Co. This Geography is one of the best American Geographies ever issued, indeed, as far as we can now remember, we have seen none at once so accurate and so complete. It has a great many maps, both for study and reference, and many illustrations, which are of service in the explanation of the great amount of general information presented. Of course, as it is intended for American schools, a large portion of the book is devoted to the United States.

Geometrical Conics. By F. S. Macaulay, M.A., assistant master at St. Paul's School. Cambridge: At the University Press. Mathematical masters will find in this newest work on Conics an excellent text-book, and one which is complete so far as elementary work is concerned; it has also a large number of particularly good questions. The knowledge of Euclid's Elements and of a few additional propositions is pre-supposed, and after the definitions and introduction, the visible forms of the parabola, ellipse and hyperbola are treated and then the general properties of the Conic are carefully taken up.

A Second Edition has just been issued of "The World Wide Atlas." (London and Edinburgh: W. & A. K. Johnston.) This Atlas, which contains over one hundred excellent maps, has a valuable introduction by J. Scott Keltie, assistant secretary of the Royal Geographical Society, on the Geographical Discovery and Political Territorial Changes in the Nineteenth Century, and also a complete Index to 58,000 places named. For general reference, educational purposes, etc., this Atlas is highly