

movement from the friendly radical standpoint. One of the most interesting papers is by Frances Power Cobbe, "The Scientific Spirit of the Age," deploring the materialistic influence of scientific progress. II. M. Hozier fin's England's Real Peril to be the great competition in trade and commerce pushed by other nations. "Mammoth Hunting in Siberia," and "Evolving the Camel," the latter by Grant Allen, are fascinating articles in popular science. An old traveller is discussed in "A Rival to Marco Polo." Two entertaining and well-written articles are those on "Charles Lamb's Letters," by William Summers, and "Montaigne." There is a capital short story, "A Fortune in a Fortnight," by Jessie McLeod; also several poems, all of them striking in their class.

St. Nicholas for September has a dainty frontispiece, showing that "More near than we think—very close at hand, lie the golden fields of Surshine Land," as Miss Edith M. Thomas says in the poem which opens the number. Then come the "Two little Confederates." The late Mr. E. P. Roe collected "Some Stories about the 'California Lion,'" during his recent sojourn in Southern California and these stories are related in this number. There are several articles about birds. Richard Malcolm Johnston continues his record of the oddities of "Little Ike Templin." "The Mischievous Knix," by Langdon E. Mitchell, is a quaint sort of fairy story, well illustrated by Birch. A very practical article, valuable to all ingenious boys, is "What to Do with Old Corks," by Charles G. Leland. In "The Scent of Dogs," Theo. B. Wilson calls attention to some of the wonders performed by hunting-dogs. "A School Legend" refers to the short history of that well-known Mr. "Peter Rice," who is so fond of a fish diet. The pictures, jingles, and short verses are unusually abundant, and the departments contain the customary amount of interesting information for the young people.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION A PUBLIC DUTY.
By President Simmons. New York :
Board of Education.

TOPICS IN ANCIENT HISTORY. By Clara W. Wood. Boston : Ginn & Co

- (1) METRIC TABLES AND PROBLEMS. By Oscar Granger. Pp. 23. 25 cents.
- (2) THE CIVIL SERVICE QUESTION BOOK. With full answers. Pp. 282. \$1.50. Syracuse : C. W. Bardeen.

THE ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Montreal.

ANCIENT HISTORY. Part I. The Eastern nations and Greece. By President Myers, of Belmont College. Pp. 479. \$1.55. Boston : Ginn & Co.

Those who have read President Myers' valuable work on "Mediæval and Modern History" will be glad to know of the issue of the present volume, which is founded on his "Outlines of Ancient History." The author has made good use of the wealth of material supplied by archæological researches in our own day, and has given us in a comprehensive and connected narrative the history of these ancient nations, to whom modern civilization owes so great a debt.

TWELVE ENGLISH STATESMEN.

- (1) OLIVER CROMWELL. By Frederic Harrison.
- (2) WILLIAM III. By H. D. Traill.
- (3) HENRY II. By Mrs. J. R. Green. 75 cents each. London : Macmillan & Co.

Mr. Harrison's biography of the great Protector is well worth careful reading, and is interesting as well as trustworthy and thoroughly impartial. We can heartily recommend it to our readers. (2) Mr. Traill's picture of William III. is an able portrayal of the character and life of one whose virtues are perhaps scarcely recognized as they ought to be by the people to whose interest he was so faithful, and this volume is one of the best in a good series; but (3) we will perhaps be pardoned for attaching even more importance to that on Henry II., written by Mrs. J. R. Green, who was the helper of her lamented husband in his life-work. It contains much that will be found new and interesting by the ordinary student, written in a bright and attractive style.