

"The origin and growth of Religion, as illustrated by the religions of India."

A SERIES of Shilling Manuals, under the title of "Health Primers," are being issued by a London firm (Messrs. Hardwick and Bogue) embracing the subjects of Premature Death; Alcohol its Use and Abuse; Exercise and Training, The House and its Surroundings, etc. The same house announces, in similar popular form, manuals on The Sight and How to Preserve it; Science made Easy; and a volume entitled, Common Mind Troubles. As the title of the latter might be taken to mean either the troubles of a common mind, or mind troubles of a common kind, we transcribe the titles of some of its chapters, viz., Defects of Memory, Confusions of Thought, Hesitation and Errors in Speech, Low Spirits, Temper, and The Creatures of Circumstance.

MESSRS. Chatto and Windus, London, have just ready two interesting volumes of collected lectures and papers; the one by Prof. R. A. Proctor, on "Pleasant Days in Science," and the other by Dr. Andrew Wilson, on "Leisure Time Studies, chiefly Biological." They are for sale by Messrs. Hart and Rawlinson, Toronto.

THOSE who have been interested in Kiddell and Schem's useful "Cyclopædia of Education," and who are 'at home' in the French language, should know of the "*Dictionnaire de Pédagogie et d'Instruction primaire*," now being published by Messrs. Hachette, of Paris, under the editorship of M. Buisson, with the assistance of the leading educational functionaries of France. Part 22, (Camarades-Charbon), has recently been received in this country, containing an admirable summary of the Educational Systems of Canada rendered into French, from the pen of Dr. Hodgins, Deputy Minister of Education. The aptitude of the French people for Cyclopædic work has always been a notable fact, and the "Dictionary of Pedagogy" is a further illustration of their skill and industry in this respect.

THE Rev. Alfred J. Church, head master of King Edward's School, Retford, England,

has just issued a volume of "Stories from Virgil," with charming illustrations from Pinelli's designs, in the colors and style of Etruscan decoration. The author's previous volume, "Stories from Homer," with colored illustrations from Flaxman's designs, will be remembered as an attractive volume, mechanically, as well as a scholarly and effective rendering of Homer's verse, preserving the action and spirit of the poems with special success. For sale by Mr. A. Piddington, Toronto.

THE famous "Autocrat of the Breakfast-table," Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, has just prepared a biography of John Lothrop Motley, the Historian of the Netherlands, which is about to appear. A richly illustrated holiday edition of the Autocrat's latest "effusion in verse," "The School-Boy," a poem read recently at Andover, has just been brought out by Messrs. Houghton, Osgood & Co.

MR. WARWICK, Publisher, of Toronto, has in press a work from the pen of one of our best philological scholars, Mr. J. W. Connor, B.A., of Berlin, which promises to be of great practical use as a text-book in our schools. The subject is Etymological Exercises; and from the advanced sheets we have seen of a portion of the work, we should judge it to be an admirable aid to the critical study of the language.

WE have received from Messrs. Willing & Williamson, Toronto, their new Educational Catalogue, comprising new and standard text-books and works of reference in Classics, Languages and Literature, Mathematics, Arts and Science. It is a perfect cyclopædia on the bibliography of Education, and will be found of great service to the profession. From Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co., we have the annual issue for 1879, of the ever-useful "Canadian Almanac," replete with statistics and handy facts. The *Quarterly Magazine*, published by the Literary Society of the Hamilton Collegiate Institute, has also been received, and deserves notice, which we are compelled to defer to another issue. The Kingston Collegiate Institute *Herald* has also been courteously sent to us.