

Mr. Phillpotts' work is what is termed "strong" generally by the critics. His most successful work is in the delineation of the character of the country people. His own county is Devon, a part of England to which he is devoted. Interesting folk lore is to be found in "Sons of the Morning," along with striking descriptions of scenery.

"The Hygiene of Transmissible Diseases: Their Causation, Modes of Dissemination, and Methods of Prevention." By A. C. Abbott, M.D., Professor of Hygiene in the University of Pennsylvania; Director of the Laboratory of Hygiene. Octavo, 285 pages, with charts, maps and illustrations. Cloth, \$2 net. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders. Canadian agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto. This work treats of a definite branch of hygiene, a subject the importance of which is growing every day, and one which, in the more progressive University medical faculties, is receiving increased attention, a laboratory of hygiene being already established in several Universities, and a special department of public health and hygiene being considered necessary. The present volume contains the subject matter of a part of the author's lectures in the University of Pennsylvania on general hygiene, and while the book is primarily intended for medical students and physicians, it is by no means unsuitable for the library of a teacher. We know of no volume which deals so clearly, so concisely, and at the same time so satisfactorily with those questions of how to avoid disease one's self, and prevent the transmission of disease to others, which every intelligent citizen is often compelled to ask. If modern hygiene were properly understood by our teachers, and taught in our schools, the gain to the community

would be great. Dr. Abbott divides his book into three sections: I. The Causation of Disease; II. Transmissible Diseases; III. The Prevention of Transmissible Diseases. Tables and diagrams and a good index add to the value of the book, and the author shows good judgment in omitting all that is not well established.

A History of England, for the use of schools and academies. By J. N. Larned, formerly superintendent of the Buffalo Public Library, editor and compiler of "History for Ready Reference and Topical Reading," With Topical Analysis, Research Questions and Biblio-graphical Notes by Homer P. Lewis, principal of the English High School, Worcester, Mass. Crown 8vo., half-leather, 675 pages. Price, net, \$1.25. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston, publishers.

The work, in the words of the author, "is an outline of the principal circumstances and events in the history of the English people and the British nation, especially of those most connected with the growth of the English constitution of government, with its extension to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and with its expansion in sovereignty over a vast empire of British colonies and dependencies in every quarter of the globe." The author is a citizen of the United States, and the view he takes of the importance of English history should commend itself to many, more especially to the Chicago School Board, in its zeal to abolish English history from the curriculum of studies in the schools of that city. He says: "Naturally it follows that, excepting their own, there is no part of human history so important and interesting to Americans as the history of the English people. Indeed, their under-