

*Little Nature Studies for Little People* is a very attractive Primary Reading-book, edited by Mary E. Burt and prepared from the works of John Burroughs. It is beautifully printed. (Boston: Ginn & Co.)

Messrs. Moffatt & Paige of London, England, have just published a Pupil Teacher's Course in Geography and History which contains, in a convenient form, a large amount of important information.

Messrs D. C. Heath & Co. (Boston) have issued two new Modern Language texts this week. One consists of four short and easy German stories by Volkman, Ertl and Baumbach. This volume is edited by Dr. Bernhardt of Washington. The other is a somewhat abbreviated edition of Jules Verne's "Le tour du Monde en quatre-vingts jours," edited by Prof. Edgren of Nebraska University. Surely this will be an interesting French reading-book. Both are good text-books.

To the celebrated Clarendon Press Classics is now added an edition of Homer's *Odyssey*, Books XIII-XVIII, with introduction, notes, etc., by the celebrated Homeric Scholar, W. W. Merry, D.D., Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford. The introduction is entitled "Plan of the *Odyssey*," and is a spirited short rendering of these books into English. Then follows the text, which is beautifully printed, and then a "Sketch of Principal Forms," "Homeric Metre," "Homeric Syntax," followed by some eighty pages of general and critical notes. The editor's high reputation, and the merit of this edition, will secure for it a wide circulation.

From Messrs MacMillan & Co., London & New York, through the Copp, Clark Co., Toronto: I *Elementary Commercial Class-books*, *Commercial Geography*, by Professor Gonner, of University College, Liver-

pool. II. *Geometrical Conics*, by Chas. Smith, M.A. III *Integral Calculus for Beginners*, by Joseph Edwards, M.A.

I. This hand book treats first of Commercial Geography and its principles, then of the Geography of the chief products of the earth; and finally of countries, their agriculture, industries and commerce. There is also a table of foreign money and a good index. We have a high opinion of this book. The information given is of the utmost importance, although it is not as generally taught as it should be, and it is well presented. As a book of reference thus might well find a place in any library.

II. Mr. Smith, the Master of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, is widely and favourably known as a writer on Mathematics. Some new methods and treatments may be noticed in the present work, which contains numerous easy examples and is in other ways suited for beginners. It includes, however, besides an important opening chapter on the "General Properties of Conics," chapters on the Parabola, Ellipse, Hyperbola, Orthogonal projection, etc., and Cross-ratios, Reciprocatation and Conical Projection, which last are now included in the first year's course at Cambridge.

III. Mr. Edwards, formerly Fellow at Sidney Sussex College, is the author of an excellent treatise on the "Differential Calculus for Beginners," to which the present is a companion volume. Both of these text-books are intended as good practical introductions to the subjects of which they treat. The last part of the book, (some sixty pages) is devoted to Differential Equations.

Both of these Mathematical text-books are admirably adapted for the use of students. The mechanical execution is faultless.