

THE last pages of the *Critic* are devoted to notes of what is past, what is coming and things one likes to know. The reviews, letters and extracts are as good as ever.

TALLEYRAND'S Memoirs begin in the January *Century*. They are certain to be read with interest and attention. The Californian Series continues admirably illustrated by Mr. Fenn. Octave Thanet contributes a powerful story of the Irish famine. The poetry and serials are worthy of a place in the *Century*.

"A TALK about Reading" by Charles Dudley Warner opens the January *St. Nicholas*. Elfie's visit to Cloudland, a promising fairy serial begins in the same number. Andrew Lang tells the "Story of the Golden Fleece" in his best style, every sentence flowing like a song. The Boyhood of Michael Angelo and a Great Industrial School are two interesting articles.

*Handbook of England and Wales.* (London: John Murray.) 12s. The best of handbooks for travellers, and a good book of reference for teachers.

*The Practical Arithmetic.* (Baltimore: The Sadler Pub. Co.) 85 cents.

*Locke's Conduct of the Understanding.* Edited by Thomas Fowler, D.D. (Oxford: The Clarendon Press; London: Henry Frowde.) Third Edition

*Civil Government in the United States.* By John Fisk. (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)—An important book. Students and citizens will find its pages full of instruction, especially on municipal government.

From Messrs. Ginn & Co. (Boston.) *Quintus Curtius.* Books III. and IV. Edited by Dr. H. N. Fowler. With an introduction by Prof. Greenough of Harvard. 30 cents.

*Open Sesame.* Vol II. A collection of Poetry and Prose for School Days. By Blanche W. Bellamy and Maud W. Goodwin.

*Classics for Children: Scott's Old Mortality.*

*From Colony to Commonwealth.* Nina M. Tiffany.

*English Prose, from Elizabeth to Victoria.* Prof. Garnett.

*Philosophy of American Literature.* By Greenough White.

*Sir Francis Drake.* By Julian Corbett. (London: Macmillan & Co., and New York.) Drake of the Armada is a good subject for one of the Men of Action Series, and those who wish to have a short history of his life and exploits, of the discipline on his ships, and the plans he laid for his country's greatness, and how he carried them out, cannot have a better book for the purpose than this.

From Messrs. D. C. Heath & Co. (Boston.) *De Vigny's La Canne de Jonc.* Spiers. Guides for Science Teaching. No. VIII. *Insecta.* By Alpheus Hyatt and J. M. Arms.

*Notes on School Management.* By George Collins. (London: Moffatt & Paige.) 6th edition.

*The High School French Reader.* With vocabulary and notes. By J. Squair, B.A., and W. H. Fraser, B.A. 60 cents. (Toronto: The Rose Publishing Co.) The Department of Education has, not too soon, authorized a new French Reader in which the French is good (in most cases from standard authors). We congratulate the editors and the Modern Language teachers of Ontario upon the appearance of so good a book.

*Shakespeare's King John.* (London: Macmillan & Co., and New York.) A spirited introduction by the editor, Mr. K. Deighton, some eighty pages of text, and one hundred of notes make up this, another good number of the English Classic Series.

*Greek for Beginners.* By Prof. Coy. (New York: The American Book Co.) A revised edition, with some changes, of Coy's Mayor's Greek Lessons.

*Elementary Algebra.* W. W. Rouse Ball. (Cambridge: The University Press.) This is an excellent text book. The arrangement, the great number of good examples, and the clear and concise style of the book-work are among its best points. Mr. Ball is Fellow and Mathematical Lecturer of Trinity College, Cambridge.