

"Why do we pay less than the English people for our male and female teachers? Is it with a view to get education at a rebate? Is it simply with a view to secure the luxury of placing our children in the hands of ignorant and incompetent persons? There is nothing to be wondered at if the English people give their children a practical education, since they pay to have good teachers. I trust that in the plan of school reform which the Hon. Mr. Robidoux is preparing, there will be a few clauses to regulate the salary of our teachers, and force our school-boards, against their own will, to pay the teaching staff decent salaries."

"Round the Year in Myth and Song," by Florence Holbrook. American Book Company, New York. A pretty and entertaining school reader intended for the third and fourth grades. The illustrations are particularly good, attention having been specially directed to Greek and Roman story.

"The Story of Jean Valjean," edited by Sarah E. Wiltse. Ginn & Company, Boston. No mistake can be made in attempting to gain attention for Victor Hugo's great masterpiece. It is extremely hard to make up one's mind about the advisability of editing, that is making extracts from a whole which has been given to the public in that shape first by the author, but at least it invites attention to the original.

The University of Toronto has recently placed certain chapters from Dr. Bourinot's "Parliamentary Practice and Procedure in Canada," on the list of books it requires for the study of Political Science. The author has accordingly prepared some additions and alterations to this part of his work, and it has been published

in a separate and convenient volume by Dawson Brothers, of Montreal. It is to be hoped that this will lead to the more general study and understanding of the Constitution of Canada.

We have received from the University Press, Oxford, a copy of the new "Presbyterian Book of Praise" for the use of the Church in Canada. To the members of the committee too much praise cannot be given for the way in which they have concluded their arduous undertaking. The benefit that they have bestowed upon the Church cannot be fully estimated for years, but it is to be hoped that the knowledge and pleasure they have themselves gained will be an immediate compensation. It now remains for the members of the Presbyterian Church, particularly for its ministers, to make themselves familiar with the music and the meaning of these psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, so that ignorance or indifference may not prevent the power of the book. The type, binding and paper are all most excellent.

"The Federal Judge," a novel by Charles K. Lush. Houghton, Mifflin & Company, Boston and New York.

This is a story relating to conditions, many of which are peculiar to the States. Judges are there subject to popular elections, a circumstance which is likely to produce complications from which we are happily free. But we are not altogether free from speculation and "rush," and a very rapid man of affairs with his eyes open might see some strange things about himself in this novel. The characters developed are interesting and vivid, but a great deal that most readers would like to hear about them has been left out, another speedy western way. The book, however, is well worth reading.