Review of the Newest Books

By H. S. ROSS.

"FLAG AND FLEET," by Colonel Wm. Wood. The Macmillan Company of Canada Limited, 70 Bond Street. Toronto. \$.50.

This is an interesting narrative made picturesque throughout by thrilling incidents of sea warfare. Colonel Wood is recognized throughout the English speaking world as one of the chief authorities on naval matters. He has a great love of the subject and he shows his appreciation of being chosen by the Navy League to give his message to boys and girls of the upper grades of the Public schools. There are three hundred pages of pleasure and education. The main lesson sought to be told in this book is the importance of control of the sea.

A library edition of this book in stiff covers is published for school libraries at 50c. a copy.

"MODEL ENGLISH" by Francis P. Donnelly, S. J., Professor of English, Holy Cross College. Worcester, Mass. Publishers, Allyn & Bacon, New York.

The book teaches composition by the following of master-models. Definitions are given in the form of directions and technical terms are kept subordinate. The author says that speakers and writers are made by speaking and writing and though each one should furnish his own thoughts, he need not, and for the most part cannot, devise new words or new forms of sentences and paragraphs. For these he must go to the best authors avoiding individual mannerisms and adopting what is standard in English. In this book a great variety of forms is presented; the composition is analyzed; subjects are suggested which may be readily adapted to any class of scholars, and every topic is so prepared that the student is stimulated to think for himself and then to put his own original thoughts into the accepted English form before

"AN AMERICAN LABOR POLICY," by Julius Henry Cohen. The Macmillan Company, New York. \$1.00.

The author designed, and, as counsel for employers, sided in carrying forward, the institutions established by the Proctocol in the garment industry. He was special counsel for the New York

City Public Service Commission during the street car strike in 1916. He has made a study of industrial problems and is a lawyer of broad, general experience.

In this book Mr. Cohen analyzes the immediate and pressing labor problem and offers an American "Way Out." The Bolsheviki, the I. W. W., all those who believe in uprooting and overturning industry, will not like the book. Neither will the "stand-patter" or reactionary approve it, for Mr. Cohen refuses to accept existing conditions as final or irremediable. But the open-minded employer will find here much of benefit, and labor leaders, lawyers, publicists—all those who carry a large part of the burden of American industry—are certain to be interested and helped by Mr. Cohen's well considered chapters

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