

line. If adapted by mental and physical endowments, give yourself up to your chosen pursuit with all the intensity of your nature. Master its principles, read its history, cultivate acquaintance with its great minds, follow rationally its approved methods, and love it with undivided affection.

The considerations of natural fitness, special preparation, a devotion to the work and a determination to follow it, are the conditions of radical improvement in the teaching profession. Better pay will then be cheerfully offered, and wiser supervision of some avail.—*Pa. School Journal.*

## CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

HINTS AND REMEDIES FOR THE TREATMENT OF COMMON ACCIDENTS AND DISEASES, AND RULES OF SIMPLE HYGIENE. Compiled by Dawson W. Turner, D.C.L., with numerous illustrations. New York: Macmillan & Co. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

THIS is an excellent little volume, and it would be well could it find its way into every home in the country. A careful perusal of its contents would clearly point out the steps necessary to be taken in simple cases, as well as what should be done preparatory to sending for the nearest and best medical aid in cases of a more serious character. On some points, however, we take exception to the treatment recommended, especially with regard to scarlet fever and diphtheria, as we fear that the remedies suggested would avail but little, and in such serious ailments time is too valuable to lose even a minute. Again, in the management of snake-bites, a dose of *Liquor Potassa* would accomplish much more than its equivalent of *Liq. Ammonia*, as recommended.

In the event of being bitten by a rabid dog, we would recommend, in addition to the advice given here, that a band should be tied tightly round the limb to produce venous congestion, and to prevent absorption. Bleeding by incisions, cupping, and warm fomentations should follow.

The volume stands in serious need of an index, and a good deal of improvement might be made in the structure of the sentences: as illustrative of our remark, take the following on *Insomnia*: "Sleep in a flannel night-shirt, and between the blankets, *not* in cold sheets (I cannot recommend this too

strongly); say your prayers before you undress yourself, or else *in bed*, and not starving and shivering with cold in a linen night shirt by the bedside; and be sound asleep in ten minutes."

At its modest cost, of twenty-five cents, this book should be found on the desk of every teacher and of every school in the Province.

BURKE'S REFLECTIONS ON THE FRENCH REVOLUTION, with Introduction and Notes, by E. J. Payne (reprinted from the Clarendon Press). Boston: Rand, Avery & Co. Toronto: Canada Publishing Co. 1882.

OUR educational authorities have made a wise choice in selecting for the Intermediate examination a work by one of the greatest masters of English style, and one whose position on the border-line between the politics of the past and the present makes him a subject of special interest to the thoughtful student of history. Burke has no peer in English political life except, perhaps, Pitt in his own time and Gladstone in ours. It was of Burke that Dr. Johnson observes: "You could not pass five minutes in his company, while taking shelter from a rain storm, without discovering that he was an extraordinary man."

Mr. Payne's Introduction is an elaborate and clever presentation of all that requires to be put before the student as to Burke's literary and political position, both in thought and form. It is a good sample of the Oxford scholarship of to-day—the Oxford which is no longer reactionary, mediaeval, and con-