

admirably fulfilled by the present narrator who doubtless has experienced sufficient recompense in so associating his name with his university. One who was not acquainted with the locality might at times think that the compiler was a trifle over conscientious in reporting on the documents at his disposal, but that is easily forgotten in the interest of such chapters as the College Buildings at Old Aberdeen.

The cover of the Memorial Day number of the *Youth's Companion* is one of great beauty, the face of a young soldier in a medallion surrounded by apple blossoms. Within will be found a pretty story concerning patriotism. Sir Edwin Arnold contributes the first part of a paper on the subject "Are Animals Moral?" There is the usual number of short stories, incidents and items of information, admirably selected, which make the *Youth's Companion* the best paper of its kind.

In Kellogg's Pedagogical Library we have received "The Common School System of Germany," by Levi Sceley, Ph.D. When, every year, a larger number of our young university graduates are going to profit by a further course of study in Germany every educationist will be interested in a description of how elementary training is there conducted. The author has qualified himself by observation and investigation to report on this subject, and in the course of the volume makes many valuable suggestions as to adaptations which might be made of the German system to the one in use in the United States which would in many instances apply to Canadian schools as well. In religious instruction especially Germany is far in advance of Canada.

From Ginn & Co., Boston, we have received "Les Miserables," abridged, by Prof. Sumi hrast. In this form Hugo's masterpiece is practically the story of Jean Valjean. Naturally, in

order to present it in a form which could be used in a school room, great excisions have been necessary, but brief explanations of the course of the story have been given when they were required. In this way a most pleasing book has been prepared.

From the same publishers we have received Macauley's essay on Milton and Southey's "Life of Nelson," for use in schools, the latter in the classics for children series. Also an elementary German reader with notes and vocabulary, by O. B. Super. The effort has been successfully made to furnish a text book of an extremely easy character for the primary student of German.

The American Book Company have recently issued a vertical edition of their Spencerian Penmanship copy books.

"School Recreations and Amusements." By Charles W. Mann. The American Book Co. This book is intended as a companion volume to "School Interests and Duties," and is, like it, prepared for teacher's reading circles. The greater number of subjects that may be used in any way to give variety to the work of the school, is considered by the author, and valuable suggestions made concerning them. Suitable extracts are given for morning exercises; games and recitations are supplied for the younger pupils and other plans for imparting knowledge in an amusing and easy way.

"Psychology and Physic Culture." By R. P. Halleck. New York: The American Book Co. After a lengthy and careful treatment of the nervous mechanism at the disposal of the mind, the author proceeds to investigate and instruct in the various processes of the mind in a manner which will at once gain the attention of the student. The style of the writer is interesting, and anecdotes are frequently employed in illustration of the points under inquiry.