

**OVID'S TRISTIA, Book III.** Edited with introduction, vocabulary and notes by E. S. Schuckburgh, M. A., late Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Price 1s. 6d. Publishers, Macmillan & Co., London and New York. This little work, published in the "Elementary Classics" series, is well printed, excellent in detail, and convenient for students.

**TENNYSON'S LANCELOT AND ELAINE,** by F. J. Rowe, M. A., professor of English Literature, Presidency College, Calcutta; price 2s. 6d. Publishers, Macmillan & Co., London and N. Y. In the introduction to these poems there is a fine analysis of Tennyson's poetry, with a sympathetic estimate of him as a writer and man.

**HAND BOOK OF BIRDS OF EASTERN NORTH AMERICA,** by Frank M. Chapman, cloth, pp. 421; Price \$3.00. (Pocket edition in flexible covers, 83.50.) Publishers, D. Appleton & Co., New York. The bird lessons which have from time to time appeared in the REVIEW have awakened a great interest among teachers in this subject, and there have been numerous enquiries as to the best text on birds. Suitable works have been so expensive that they were within the reach of comparatively few. The new hand book by Mr. Chapman will supply a long-felt want. It is furnished with keys to the species, and descriptions of their plumage, nests, and eggs, their distribution and migrations, and a brief account of their haunts and habits, with introductory chapters on the study of ornithology, how to identify birds, and how to collect and preserve birds, their nests and eggs. The book is illustrated with twenty full page plates in colors, and upwards of one hundred and fifty cuts in the text. It is brightened throughout with pleasant description, invaluable for the amateur, since all needless technicalities are avoided, and the problem of identification is reduced to its simplest terms. The book treats of all the birds, some five hundred and forty in number, found east of the Mississippi river, and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic Ocean. It cannot fail to prove a great boon to the student of birds, and an incentive to others to begin this attractive branch of science.

#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

**WENTWORTH'S MENTAL ARITHMETIC.** Ginn & Co., Publishers.

**THE EDUCATIONAL IDEAL,** by J. P. Munro. Published by D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.

**MILTON'S TRACTATE ON EDUCATION.** Published by Macmillan & Co., London.

**ALGEBRA FOR BEGINNERS,** by H. S. Hall and S. R. Knight. Revised and adapted to American schools by Frank L. Sevenoak, A. M., M. D. Published by Macmillan & Co., New York and London.

#### The August Magazines.

The remarkable series of papers on Mars, by Percival Lowell, in the *Atlantic Monthly*, have won deserved attention, not only on account of their astronomical interest, but also because of their literary excellence. No. IV., for August, is on the "Oases," and tries to answer the question: Is Mars inhabited, and if so, by what kind

of people? The August number of *Popular Science Monthly* is an excellent educational number. Prof. E. L. Richards sets forth the importance of the physical element of education, and Dr. John Ferguson writes on the nervous system and education. The element Argon—the new constituent of the air—is also treated by Prof. Stoddard. Dr. J. M. Rice has written for the August number of *The Forum* a notable article entitled, "Do our Teachers Teach?" Dr. Rice contends that the greatest fault of our schools lies in the professional weakness of our teachers, who are not properly trained, and he recommends, among other remedies, the substitution of the teacher for the text book. In the *Deliberator* for August (Price \$1.00 a year, 15 cents for single numbers), is an interesting description of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, and the popular Kindergarten series is continued. Published at Toronto. The mid summer number of the *Cosmopolitan* magazine continues the life of Napoleon, and has an excellent table of contents besides. The *Cosmopolitan* has been reduced to the very low price of ten cents a number. The idea that ten cents for the *Cosmopolitan* means inferiority from a literary point of view is dispelled by the appearance in this number of such writers as Sir Lewis Morris, Sir Edwin Arnold, Edgar Fawcett, Tabb, W. Clark Russell, Lang, Sargey, Zangwill, Agnes Repplier, and others.

#### St. John County Teachers' Institute.

The seventeenth meeting of the St. John County Teachers' Institute will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Centennial School, St. John, N. B., on Thursday and Friday, September 26 and 27, 1895.

#### PROGRAMME.

##### FIRST SESSION—THURSDAY, 10 A. M.

Enrolment and Address by the President. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer.  
Short Papers on "Moral Teaching," by Mr. John McKinnon, and the Misses Iva Yerna, Annie Hea and Louise D'Orsay. Discussion.

##### SECOND SESSION—THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Practical Lessons.  
"Reading," Grade II, by Miss Elizabeth Beattay.  
"Word Building," Grade I, by Miss Kate Lawlor.  
"Geography," Grade VI, by M. D. Brown.  
Discussion.

##### THIRD SESSION—FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Institute to divide into Sections.  
"Short Papers and Practical Lessons in Writing."  
Section A, Grades VI, VII, VIII, by the Misses Emma Colwell and Amy Iddles.  
Section B, Grades III, IV, V, by the Misses Ottie L. Stewart, and E. Enslow.  
Section C, Grades I and II, by Miss Harriett D. Gregg.  
Discussion.  
Practical Lesson on "Plant Life," Grade IV, by Mr. John Brittain. Discussion.

##### FOURTH SESSION—FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Practical Lesson on "Minerals," Grade VI, by Mr. John Brittain. Discussion.  
Election of Officers. Miscellaneous Work.  
Adjourn.

MALCOLM D. BROWN,  
JOSEPH HARRINGTON, *President*, *Sec. Treas.*