

This book may be used as a text-book in High Schools and Public Schools. It would be well indeed for Canada if its use were made compulsory in every school in the land. The great truths laid before the reader are presented in a simple straightforward manner intelligible to all. The subjects are so skilfully arranged and concisely stated that a surprising amount of accurate information is given in this small octavo of 200 pages. The value of this simple knowledge to practical men is not, I believe, overstated when I aver that if all the farmers in Canada would read this little work, as they most certainly should, its appearance would mark an epoch in the history of the Dominion, which would be made manifest to all by an enormous increase in the crops and wealth of the whole country.

The scope of the work is shown by the following brief epitome of subjects : Part I. treats of the Plant, its development, structure, food and functions ; Part II., Soil, its nature and treatment ; Part III., Crops of the Field ; Part IV., The Garden, Orchard and Vineyard ; Part v., Live Stock and Dairying ; Part VI., Bees, Birds, Forests, Roads and the Home.

In these different sections the insect and fungous enemies of crops are treated at some length. This little volume is bound in cloth and well got up; although some of the illustrations are rather roughly executed, it is on the whole most excellent and for the price, 25c, is a marvel of cheapness.

THE WINTER FOOD OF THE CHICKADEE, Bulletin 54, New Hampshire College of Agriculture, by Clarence M. Weed—There is something particularly charming about those confiding little feathered denizens of the woods which brave our cold northern winters and stay to cheer us at a time of the year when there is so little animated life. The Chickadee or Black-capped Tit-mouse (*Parus atricapillus*) is at once one of the most cheerful as well as one of the most useful of our common native winter birds. What a bright, busy, happy sight is presented by a flock of these little friends; for they are all friends these little balls of black satin and grey down, they are far too busy and well employed to waste