

*Agriculture: Practical and Scientific.* By Prof. James Muir, of the Yorkshire College, Leeds. (London and New York: MacMillan & Co. Through the Copp Clark Co., Toronto). Many good works on agriculture have recently been issued from the press, and great advances have recently been made in this important department of knowledge, so that such works are really required. This book covers the ground well, dealing, as it does, in a satisfactory way with soil, drainage, irrigation, manuring, crops, etc., etc. A great deal of information is given in tables, etc., and there is a good index.

*Maxwell's English Course* now consists of three books: *First Book in English, Introductory Lessons in English Grammar* and the *Advanced Lessons in English Grammar*. Of the two elementary works now before us, we can speak favourably, as we have already done of "The Advanced Lessons." They are very well printed and bound, and the material is well chosen and arranged, both skill and taste being displayed. (New York and Chicago: The American Book Co.)

Mr. G. A. Wentworth, A.M., the author of a well known series of text books on Mathematics (Boston: Ginn & Co.) has added to that series an excellent Mental Arithmetic, containing more than 2,000 questions, carefully arranged according to subjects.

Messrs. Ginn & Co. have issued *The Poems of Herrick* in their *Athenaeum Press Series*, the Editor being Prof. Edward Everett Hale, jr. The volume is neat and pretty and contains some 250 pp., of which 60 or more are devoted to Introductions, 137 to the text and the remainder to Notes, Index, etc. Our readers, we are sure, will be pleased with this book.

The sixth book of "Homer's

*Odyssey*," has just been added to the *School Classics Series* by the publishers, Messrs Ginn & Co. (Boston). The Editor is Prof. Bain, of the University School, Petersburg, Va., and the book, which is intended for beginners, is a good one.

Our readers will remember the excellent series of *Guild Text Books* edited by the Very Rev. Prof. Charteris, D.D., and the Rev. Dr. M'Clymont. (London: A. and C. Black, Edinburgh, R. and R. Clark). Another number has just been sent to us, on *Our Lord's Teaching*, the author being the Rev. James Robertson, D.D. After dealing with the manner, method, basis and subject of His teaching the remaining nine chapters of the book are devoted to the inexhaustible study of that teaching in detail. We can heartily commend this book. It is brief, but it is clear, and its subject is all-important, and this is not forgotten by the writer. The style is simple but interesting and the book is one which deserves a wide circulation.

*Varied Occupations in Weaving.* By Louisa Walker, headmistress of the Hampstead Fleet Road Board School, (London and New York: MacMillan & Co., through the Copp, Clark Co. Toronto). This hand-book is not only very well illustrated and executed, but is filled with ingenious and pretty designs suitable for Kindergarten classes and more advanced pupils, each being carefully explained and the materials, etc., fully described. More attention should certainly be given to sewing, knitting, etc., in our schools.

*Short Studies in Nature Knowledge.* By William Gee. London and New York: MacMillan & Co., through the Copp, Clark Co., Toronto. Mr Gee, who is an experienced teacher, has prepared a text-book which would make an interesting reading book, and at the same time