

SUPPLEMENTARY READING.

Of all the means of acquiring both knowledge and culture which can be recommended, there is none which can be compared with reading of the right kind of literature. We are glad to know that Inspector Seath is advocating a more extended course of reading than that now presented by either the University or the Education Department, and that many teachers in both High and Public Schools are in hearty accord with that view and doing what they can to promote it. No teacher has done more to promote this good end than Principal Wetherell, of the Strathroy Collegiate Institute. The following scheme which outlines the course of reading in English Literature to be taken up by the pupils of the Strathroy Collegiate Institute during the Autumn Term of 1892, may be helpful to others:—

FORM VI.

- (1) Shakespeare's "King Lear."
 - (2) Selections from Chaucer in "The Canterbury Poets."
 - (3) Wordsworth—"The Affliction of Margaret," "The Complaint," "Brougham Castle," "The Brothers," "To My Sister," The "Lucy" Poems, "She was a Phantom of Delight."
 - (4) American Sonnets in "The Canterbury Poets," (any ten).
 - (5) One of the following books in the "Great Writers" series: Burns, C. Bronte, Byron, Carlyle, Darwin, Dickens, Goldsmith, Johnson, Keats, Longfellow, Mil. on, Scott, Shelley, Thackeray.
- (All the foregoing works will be found in the School Library.)

FORM V.

- (1) Wordsworth—The poems named above for Form VI.
 - (2) American Sonnets in "The Canterbury Poets," (any ten).
 - (3) John Burroughs—"Sharp Eyes," "The Apple," "Winter Neighbors." (Riverside Literature series, No. 36.)
 - (4) One of the books in the "Great Writers" series, named above for Form VI.
- (Each pupil will purchase a copy of Burrough's sketches.)

FORMS III AND IV.

- (1) Scott's "Lady of the Lake."
- (2) One of the following books in the Camelot series:
 - (a) Holmes—"The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table."
 - (b) Lowell—"My Study Windows."
 - (c) Lowell—"Essays on the English Poets."
 - (d) Carlyle—"Sartor Resartus."
 - (e) Political Orations from Wentworth to Macaulay.
 - (f) The Lover, and other Papers of Steele and Addison.
 - (g) Plutarch's Lives.

Each pupil will secure a copy of "The Lady of the Lake." A large number of copies of each of the other books will be found in the library.)

FORMS I AND II.

- (1) Longfellow—"Evangeline," "King Robert of Sicily," "The Day is Done," "The Village Blacksmith," "From My Arm-Chair."
- (2) Hawthorne—"The Great Stone Face," "The Ambitious Guest," "The Great Carbuncle," "My Visit to Niagara," "Old Ticonderoga." (The Riverside Literature series, No. 40)

(Half of the pupils will secure a copy of Longfellow, and the other half a copy of Hawthorne, and a system of interchange will be arranged.)

This course of reading is supplemental to that prescribed for the annual examinations. At least forty minutes a week in each class will be employed by the teacher of English Literature in discussing difficulties in the foregoing texts. The best readers in the various classes will be called upon from time to time to read aloud the most impressive passages in the selected texts. At least once a month an essay will be expected from each pupil on

some topic connected with this course of reading. At the school examinations a portion of the paper on English Literature will be based on these supplementary selections, and at the end of the term each pupil will be expected to certify that the course outlined in the foregoing scheme has been completed.

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