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A Short History of the English People. By John Richard Green. Illustrated Edition. Parts 12 and 13. 1s. each. With every part the interest of this edition grows. We are now in the time of Henry VIII., and how much it adds to the story of the printed page to see opposite portraits of John Colet, from the "Herologia," and Erasmus, after Albert Dürer, Lydgale in his Study, and a fac-simile of Caxton's Advertisement.

Imperial Federation. By George R. Parkin, M.A. Our feelings in regard to this book cannot be expressed better than in the words of the author's preface. "In most of the chief centres of the British world, both at home and abroad, I have found men of all classes and not seldom large masses of men, who agreed on the whole with the line of thought which I here try to follow; agreed too with an intensity of belief and a warmth of enthusiasm which are, I think, rarely found except in connection with great and rare causes. This concurrence of other minds has deepened the profound conviction which I have long felt that the completion of a closer and permanent political unity between the British communities scattered throughout the world, should be the first aim of national statesmanship." Mr. Parkin's book belongs to a small and a rare class. He was well-fitted to write it, and has discharged his task with distinguished success. After the introduction he treats of Federation, Defence, the United Kingdom, Canada and French Canada. Then Mr. Goldwin Smith has a chapter. Mr. Parkin understands Mr. Smith. The last three chapters, after others have been devoted to Australia, South Africa, India, etc., are on Finance, Trade and Fiscal Policy and Plans. We can only say, most emphatically, that everyone should read this book. The questions discussed are of paramount importance, and the facts, arguments and suggestions are all well worth careful thought. The closer political connection of the British Empire is the next great problem demanding solution, and may that

Providence which has guided the Empire to a solution of so many perplexing questions send the light and the leading for the solution of this.

THE American Book Company has recently issued a book which "real teachers" will take pleasure in reading. It is called "The Schoolmaster in Literature," and has been compiled by some worthy (and anonymous) person. Edward Eggleston, himself one of the authors represented, writes a preface which should by no means be "skipped." The book is a collection of extracts from the writings of Ascham, Goethe, Dickens, Thackeray, George Macdonald and sixteen other authors, describing members of the teaching profession, their character and work. The influence of this book over the reader cannot but be good. We are very glad to see it. \$1.40.

Syllabus of Elementary Mechanics. By James Loudon, M.A., Professor of Physics, University of Toronto; President of the University. With Suitable Exercises and Examples. Prepared by C. A. Chant, Lecturer in Physics, University of Toronto. (Toronto: Rowsell and Hutchison.) 75 cents. It will be a convenience not only to the hundreds of students attending lectures at the University of Toronto, but to many others engaged in the study of mechanics, to have access to this work, which contains an outline of the work dealt with for some years by Professor Loudon in his lectures on elementary mechanics. Prof. Loudon's experience in the class-room is a sufficient guarantee of the value of the book, the mechanical execution of which reflects credit on the publishers. Answers are given to the problems.

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