

adapted for children of the third grade, tell of explorers from Columbus to Hudson. The style is simple, concise and entertaining, and the vocabulary well adapted to young pupils, making history as interesting as fairy tales. The illustrations are numerous and attractive. (Cloth; 184 pages; price, 40 cents. American Book Company, N. Y. Morang Educational Company, Toronto.)

Gurber's *Story of Old France* gives the story of France from the earliest times down to the death of Louis XIV, laying special stress upon the many interesting and picturesque episodes in which the period abounds. The book is supplied with suitable maps, and with many illustrations, largely from photographs of famous paintings. The style is vivid and attractive, and the work is sure to hold the pupil's attention and to give him a good knowledge of French history. (Cloth; 374 pages; price, 60 cents. The American Book Company, N. Y. Morang Educational Company, Toronto.)

Thomas's *Manual of Debate* is a practical work for the beginner in debate. It presents all the material required by the student and tells him just what to do step by step, presenting enough of the theory of logic and argumentation to make the development of the work perfectly intelligible. Afterwards it treats the debate in its various phases, the order of the argument and the prose style and elocution. The appendix contains fifty pages of briefs for "head-on" debates, and analysis of Burke's Speech on Conciliation, and a list of debatable resolutions. (Cloth; 224 pages; price, 80 cents. American Book Company, N. Y. Morang Educational Company, Limited, Toronto.)

The translation from an Italian version of Patri's *White Patch* tells of the adventures of a little boy who dreams that he is changed into an ant. The wonderful social organization of the ants is interestingly described, and their battles, work and play, their insect neighbors and enemies—the bees, the wasps, the ant-lions, the caterpillars and the grubs. Useful for supplementary reading in the fourth and fifth grades. (Cloth; 216 pages; price, 40 cents. American Book Company, N. Y. Morang Educational Company, Toronto.)

Shirley's *Two-Part Songs for Intermediate Grades* is a book of simple songs for two unchanged voices, intended for sight reading by pupils beginning with the third grade. Both music and words have been selected from a wide variety of authorship. The music is bright and entertaining, and serves as an excellent means for the cultivation of two-part singing through actual sight reading. The harmonizations are simple, and yet harmonically rich in effect. (Cloth; 112 pages; price, 25 cents. American Book Company, New York. Morang Educational Company, Toronto.)

The object of Serl's *Primary Language Lessons* is to lead children of the second and third grades into the habit of speaking and writing the English language correctly. To accomplish this, the author has prepared a drill book which emphasizes the reproduction of many of the short stories current in our literature, and also introduces practice exercises to familiarize the pupils with correct forms. Beginning with simple, graduated exercises, they are continued till a general principle is inductively reached. Attention, through practice, is given to troublesome verb forms. Many of the lessons are designed to awaken and sustain the child's interest in natural objects, and to put

him in sympathetic relations with living things. The author has written from the standpoint of the child, and in language that the child can readily comprehend. (Cloth; 160 pages; price, 35 cents. American Book Company, New York. Morang Educational Company, Toronto.)

Pictures of British History, with stories accompanying them, will be especially attractive to children. There are sixty illustrations in all, thirty-two of which are in colour, depicting great events and persons. The stories are in large print and are interesting. (Crown quarto; 64 pages; price, 1s 6d. Adam and Charles Black, Soho Square, London, W.)

Petits Contes Populaires is a series of short stories in French, interestingly told, and suitable for those beginning the language. (Paper; 62 pages; price, 8d. Adam and Charles Black, London, W.)

The Changeful Earth is a book that will prove interesting to youthful readers, as illustrating some of the changes which the earth has passed through. The language is simple without being childish, and will appeal, not only to children, but to a wide circle of other readers. (Cloth; 223 pages; price, 40 cents. The MacMillan Co. of Canada, Toronto.)

RECENT MAGAZINES.

The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, who has just resigned the leadership of the Unionist party in Great Britain, and who is quite as much at home in philosophy as in statesmanship, is the author of the article on "Creative Evolution and Philosophic Doubt" with which *The Living Age* for December 2 opens. The article is reprinted from *The Hibbert Journal*. An enthusiastic admirer of Mr. R. L. Borden, the new Canadian premier, is the author of a sketch of his career, which *The Living Age* for December 9th reprints from *The National Review*.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

The following has been ordered by the Board of Education:—

"The school flag shall be flown on every fine day while school is in session, except in the winter and more inclement seasons of the year, and may be displayed on any day."

It has also been ordered that a text-book in Civics be prescribed for teachers' use, and that hereafter a knowledge of that subject be a general requirement for all classes of license.

Text prescribed—"Canadian Civics," The Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

Teachers, school officers and pupils are requested to cooperate with the agricultural authorities in the work of extirpating the brown-tail moth.

Any inquiries made to Wm. McIntosh, St. John, will receive attention.

The Board of Education has ordered that a text-book in Music be prescribed; the text selected will be announced later.

Education Office,
Fredericton, N. B.,
November 27th, 1911.

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Chief Sup't. Education.