

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

A MANUAL OF ELEMENTARY PHONETICS, by A. W. Burt. The Copp, Clark Co., Publishers, Toronto.

THE HISTORY OF MANKIND, by F. Ratzel. Parts 27-29. Macmillan & Co., Publishers, London.

N. S. PROGRESSIVE SCHOOL SERIES, with Introduction and Notes as follows: *Milton's Poems*, *L'Allegro*, *Il Penseroso*, *Comus Lycidas*, edited by Principal Cameron; *Macaulay's Essay on Milton*, edited by David Soloman, B. A.; *Addison's Sir Roger de Coverley*. Publishers, T. C. Allen & Co., Halifax.

EASY LESSONS IN VOCAL CULTURE AND EXPRESSION, by S. S. Hamill, A. M., Chicago. Eaton & Mains, Publishers, New York.

## OCTOBER MAGAZINES.

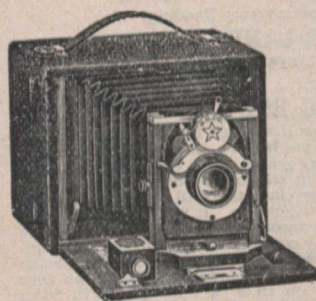
Florence Bell's Plea for the Better Teaching of Manners in *Littell's Living Age* for October 1st, is profitable to all who, as teachers or parents, have anything to do with the training of young people. This number of the *Living Age* begins a new series, and appears in a new and attractive dress.... A writer in the October *Ladies' Home Journal* shows how easy it is to establish and maintain public libraries even in the small country towns. Co-operation of effort under capable, enthusiastic direction, it is pointed out, will bring the sought-for results. The article details with exact directness the best way to proceed.... *St. Nicholas* in its opening article give some interesting reminiscences of the childhood of Wilhelmina, Queen of Holland, and describes her coronation.... Everyone should read the article in *The Atlantic* on Botching Shakespeare, by Mark H. Liddell, and to weigh well the conclusion he comes to, "to learn this English we love, and to study deeply its literature in the light of our knowledge... to learn the language of the people... to hand on to them (our children) this language the better for our having used it, this literature for our having taught it to them. This will require effort, strong

and persistent; it means work for our educational system.".... In the October number of the *Century* Prof. William M. Sloane gives Personal and Collected Impressions of Bismarck. Prof Sloane saw more or less of Bismarck while a student of history with Bancroft, when the latter was United States Minister at Berlin. Prof. Dean C. Worcester, of the University of Michigan, who wrote in the September *Century* of The Malay Pirates of the Philippines, from personal experiences among them, in this number discusses Knotty Problems of the Philippines.... The *Canadian Magazine* for October has seven important articles, besides short stories and poems, making a number of unusual interest. Sir John Geo. Bourinot concludes his famous series of the Makers of the Dominion of Canada, and there is an article on Newfoundland and Canada by Principal Geo. M. Grant, which will be read with interest. The review of current events, editorial comment, and notes on books and authors, all from a Canadian standpoint, give additional value to this magazine, and are becoming features that its readers look forward to with pleasurable anticipation.... Alice Carter Cook is the author of a fully illustrated paper entitled Plant Life in the Canaries which appears in Appleton's *Popular Science Monthly*. These "Fortunate Islands" of Lucian, "abounding in luscious fruits and covered with luxuriant forests," are to-day scarcely at all known or appreciated by the general traveller after health or pleasure. A reading of Mrs. Carter's article, however, will give one a most delightful picture of their beauty and interest, as well as a great deal of information of scientific value.... The *Chautauquan* has frontispiece engravings of Bismarck and Col. John Hay, late U. S. Ambassador to England, and now Secretary of State. Lovers of beautiful architecture—and who is not—will find pleasure in the initial article upon The Cathedrals of England. The ten illustrations show exceptionally good views of Canterbury, Winchester, Durham, Salisbury, and Ely, and the text accompanying them points out their distinguishing features and gives just enough of the history of each to whet the appetite.

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TEACHING DAYS.—The total number of teaching days in term ending December, 1898, is 94 for the country and 84 for the city and town districts. *Labor Day* is not to be reckoned as a *Public School Holiday*.ENGLISH LITERATURE FOR HIGH SCHOOLS.—Grade IX, Longfellow's *Evangeline*, any edition. Grade X, *Select Poems of Goldsmith, Wordsworth, and Scott* (W. J. Gage Company, Toronto). Grade XI, *Select Poems of Keats, Shelley and Byron* (W. J. Gage Co., Toronto); *Shakespeare, Richard II.* (Rolle Edition).NOTE.—The *Select Poems* assigned for Grades X and XI are in one volume. Price 60 cents. The same book as used last year.

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Education Office,  
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Chief Supt. of Education