

but good can be said. It is a book that should find a place on the shelves of all our school libraries, though it is by no means a book exclusively for the young.

THE MISFORTUNES OF ELPHIN, AND RHODODAPHNE, by Thomas Love Peacock, and published by MacMillan & Company, London and New York. Our thanks are due to the Copp, Clark Company of Toronto, for the great pleasure derived from the reading of what some consider Peacock's most interesting work. The pleasure of perusal is greatly enhanced by the appreciative introduction by George Saintsbury and the highly artistic drawings of F. H. Townsend. We feel sure that few will follow the misfortunes of Elphin without a feeling of keen enjoyment, an enjoyment for which the old improbable, Seithenyn, is not a little responsible. The latter half of the book gives the author's "Rhododaphne, or the Thessalian Spell," with a preface and such notes as are necessary to explain or justify the text. It is also beautifully illustrated by the same artist.

STORIES OF LONG AGO, by Grace H. Kepfer, and published by Messrs. D. C. Heath & Company, Boston, Mass., is a most interesting and valuable little book, containing many of the legends of Grecian and Roman lore. It makes the mythological tales found in classic reading, plain and simple for young people. The stories are told in a pleasant style and in excellent English. We consider it worthy of commendation as furnishing good supplementary reading for the pupils of the academy and model school grades of our schools.

### Official Department.

#### NOTICES FROM THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

His Honor the Administrator has been pleased to appoint, on the 14th of April last (1897), Mr. James Ellis, school trustee for the municipality of the "Banlieue" of Quebec, to replace Mr. W. C. J. Hall.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased, on the 14th May last (1897), to make the following appointments:

#### *School Commissioners.*

County of l'Assomption, Saint Sulpice:—Mr. Amédée Cormier, to replace Mr. Oscar Landry, absent.