

ly the series known as *Longmans' English Classics*, and all that has been said of the series applies to these latest issues. They are excellent as text-books or as additions to the school library, their textual "get up" and strong, serviceable binding, recommending them in a special manner. They are far from being expensive.

ENGLISH IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES, edited by William Morton Payne, and published by Messrs. D. C. Heath and Company, Boston. This excellent issue of *Heath's Pedagogical Library*, which, we are sorry to say, we have overlooked for some little time, consists of the opinions of "professors in the English departments of twenty representative institutions of the United States." These opinions appeared originally in *The Dial* during the year 1894, and thanks are due to Messrs. Heath and Company for having preserved them in book form. *Heath's Pedagogical Library*, of which, as we have just said, this is an issue, is a splendid series of books for teachers. Many of the numbers which have appeared should be in every teacher's library, and we recommend all to consult Messrs. D. C. Heath and Company's catalogue.

ADVANCED CHEMISTRY FOR HIGH SCHOOLS, by W. S. Ellis, B.A., B.Sc., and published by The Copp, Clark Company, Toronto, indicates an advanced course in experimental chemistry for school classes. Although this subject is provided for by our course of study, very few of our pupils take up the subject; but, in view of the fact that chemistry is compulsory in the first year of the college course, it might be well that more attention be paid to this interesting subject. As far as we can judge, this new text-book, by Mr. Ellis, of the Kingston Collegiate Institute, is well suited to the purpose it has in view, instruction in chemical theory, the elements and their most characteristic compounds, and elementary qualitative analysis.

### Official Department.

INSTITUTES will be held this year in three places, Richmond, Inverness and Aylmer, beginning June 30th. Mr. Parmelee and Mr. Orrin Rexford will be the lecturers in Richmond. Principal Dresser will give three or four lectures on geography, a subject which he, as a geologist, can make specially interesting. Prof. Honeyman will give two lectures on observation lessons, illustrated chiefly from plants. He has made a specialty of botany, and of methods of teaching it.

At Inverness, Dr. Harper and Inspector Hewton will give a course of lectures, the former on education as a practical