

the whole field of political economy, Professor Gide's book has long been spoken of in this country with the highest commendation, and, now that it has been translated into the best of English, readers will see how far he has been seized with the spirit of the natural method of presenting the subject. When the first edition appeared a complaint was uttered against it because the author, in treating each question, set forth the various competing systems without expressing his own opinions in a sufficiently decided manner. And yet, what better device than this is there for leading the mind to search for itself for the truth of scientific principles. If the book had no other virtue than this it would be worthy of recommendation, but in every page the author has shown, as Dr. Bonar says, that political economy is neither dismal in its conclusions nor dull in its deliberations.

AMERICAN LITERATURE—an elementary text-book in use in High Schools and Academies—by Julian Hawthorne and Leonard Lemmon, Superintendent City Schools, Sherman, Texas, and published by the Messrs. D. C. Heath & Co.—Anything which Mr. Hawthorne undertakes in the literary line is sure to be received with respect, and we can safely say that, from a literary standpoint, the book before us is the best guide the student of American literature could wish to read. The book professes to be a method and a guide, and again we meet with the enunciation of the central truth of all study: "The thought is the vital thing, and should be the goal of early study." The book is not merely biographical, but critical, and is at the same time lightened up with illustrations in verse and prose. The book is copiously supplied with engravings of the authors mentioned.

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THE ANNUAL REPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSPECTION OF THE SUPERIOR SCHOOLS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PROTESTANT COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC FOR 1890-91.

TO HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF QUEBEC,

Chairman of the Protestant Committee :

May it please Your Lordship :

As in former years, I beg most respectfully to submit to you and the members of the Protestant Committee my report of inspection and examination for 1890-91. As you are aware, I have already given in the special reports referring to my visits to each school. Before undertaking these visits last year I issued my notices in the usual way, accompanying each intimation,