

Notes showing both scholarship and common-sense and an introduction which is of no little use, in the study of the poem, along with a clearly printed text, make up the latest numbers of the English Classics' Series, which are worthy of their predecessors.

Some Eminent Women of our Times. By Mrs. Henry Fawcett. (London and New York: Macmillan & Co.) 2s. 6d. A series of short Biographies originally contributed by Mrs. Fawcett, to the *Mothers' Companion*, have, we are glad to see, been issued in book form. Among the subjects are the Queen, Hannah More, Lady Sale, Sister Dora, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Somerville, Dorothy Wordsworth, Florence Nightingale and others. Lives of such women as these, written by one who is eminently qualified for the task, could not be anything else than good to read and know. This is an excellent book for girls.

Stories of New France. By Miss A. M. Machar and Thomas G. Marquis (Boston: D. Lothrop Company.) Price \$1.50. No volume placed in our hands for review by the publishers of *Jate* is more welcome than this. Miss Machar and Mr. Marquis have entered an open field, and one full of promise. The early history of Canada is, to those who know it, full of inspiration and instruction. Sad to say, we fear it is little understood or taught in too many schools. Too many history text-books and teachers have the life "squeezed out of them," and cannot aid in invoking the patriotic wisdom which is one of the most precious things in national life. Our friend Miss Machar has a theme worthy of her pen, and we are glad to see the name of a new Canadian writer associated with hers. The volume is comprised in some seventeen chapters, eleven of which are by Miss Machar. We could almost regret that, so far as we noticed, no quotations are introduced from the works of Parkman and other writers. Perhaps the best chapters in the book are those on Champlain and La Salle. The narratives in all cases are full and satisfactory. We hope that the book will meet with the cordial reception that it deserves, and think it cannot fail to be useful both to

(1) *New York State Graded Examination Questions, with Answers.* \$1.00.

(2) *Easy Things to Draw.* By D. R. Augsburg. 30 cents. (New York and Chicago: E. L. Kellogg & Co.) The volume of questions and answers named above may possibly be found useful occasionally by a good teacher—it will certainly be hailed with joy by many who cannot teach. The publishers congratulate themselves that "It is a great step that all of the one hundred and thirteen commissioners have adopted this series of questions." Not at all. Men, women, children, and examiners are not all alike, and it is a mistake to try to make them so. "Easy Things to Draw" will be found a great help in blackboard drawing. The sketches of flowers and other objects are good; those of animals, somewhat wooden.

The State and Federal Governments of the United States. By Prof. Woodrow Wilson. (Boston, New York and Chicago: D. C. Heath & Co.) We had much pleasure in reviewing recently Prof. Wilson's work on "The State." This is the longest—perhaps also the best—chapter in that book, here reprinted as a text-book for schools and colleges. We are glad to chronicle its appearance in this form, and we believe that it will speedily be adopted for study by students of political economy in American and other colleges.

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