

the sentence with respect to *kind, formation and connection*. *Variety of expression, figures of speech and prose composition* are then considered, and the work is concluded by a few excellent pages on *invention and punctuation*. What strikes the practical teacher is the number and character of the exercises. A few principles are discussed and then explained by examples followed by exercises for the class. This is a feature omitted from most books on rhetoric, yet certainly very essential to their usefulness. There are only two faults that we have noticed, and of these one is not very serious, and the other will probably be corrected in a future edition. First, no special attention is paid to the construction of the paragraph, though what is said concerning this subject under the *sentence* is certainly good. The art of building up a symmetrical paragraph is the chief characteristic of a powerful writer, and we are inclined to think that it might have been well to have introduced a new subject, the *paragraph*, which would have received the same attention from the student that he pays to the *sentence*. There is also no index, the analytical table of contents being unworthy of such a title. These faults are, however, apparent only because of the main excellence of the book.

HIGHWAYS OF HISTORY. Edited by Miss Louisa Creighton.

THE GROWTH OF THE ENGLISH COLONIES. By Miss S. M. Sitwell. London: Livingtons Second Edition

The story of the founding and development of the English Colonial Empire is well told in the pages of this little book, which many teachers of history will pronounce "just what I want." Somewhat different in aim from "Our Colonies," which we recently had the pleasure of reviewing, it is no whit less valuable.

ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA FOR SCHOOLS. By H. S. Hall, B.A., and S. R. Knight. R.A Macmillan & Co. For sale by R. W. Douglas & Co., Yonge St., Toronto.

This is a work by two Cambridge men, it is well arranged and several points neatly

developed. The get-up of the book is worthy of the Macmillans, and that is saying a good deal. We commend it to the attention of the readers of THE MONTHLY.

RIVERSIDE LITERATURE SERIES. Number Sixteen. LARS: A PASTORAL OF NORWAY. With Notes and a Biographical Sketch. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Toronto: Williamson & Co.

This favourite poem by Bayard Taylor will be a welcome number of the Riverside Series. The beautiful words of dedication to J. G. Whittier which form a kind of preface to the poem will always find an echo in many hearts.

CÆSAR'S GALLIC WAR. Edited by J. H. and W. F. Allen, and J. B. Greenough. Revised by H. P. Hudson. Boston: Ginn, Heath & Co.

The additions made by the present reviser to the work of the former editors consist chiefly of explanations in regard to the history of the Gallic War and the Roman art of war in general. In addition to the seven books of the text, this volume contains useful maps and illustrations, vocabulary, copious notes and references to many grammatical points; armed with it, the student may consider himself well equipped.

THE ELEMENTS OF ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY. By J. C. Buckmaster, of the Science and Art Department, South Kensington. London: Longmans & Co. Fourth Edition.

Mr. Buckmaster, who is the author of several other science manuals, has done much in establishing science classes in connection with the South Kensington Department. The fourth edition of "Animal Physiology" contains some additions on various subjects, particularly that of the senses. The style is eminently clear and the information full, though condensed into a very small space. We know of no book on this subject, perhaps with the single exception of that by Professor Huxley, which we should more unhesitatingly commend to teachers as a book of reference.