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For Calendar containing necessary information and for admission, apply to

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### BOOK NOTICES.

Many teachers welcome a picture book which is both entertaining and instructive to lend as a reward to the industrious boy who has finished his work, to keep a restless one quiet in an interval, to brighten a rainy recess, as well as to illustrate a lesson. Such a useful book, at a very low price is *Asia in Pictures*, by H. Clive Barnard, M. A., B. Litt. It has sixty-five illustrations, thirty-two in colors, and gives the children a suggestion of the beauties of the oldest countries of the world. The coloured pictures of scenes in Japan and India are particularly attractive. [A. & C. Black, London. 64 pages. 1s. 6d.]

We have already drawn attention to the series of *Travel Pictures*, published by Messrs. Black, as very desirable for use in geography classes. Three more sets have been issued: *The Mediterranean*, *The British Isles*, and, of great interest at the present time, *Countries of the Great War*. Each set has fifty pictures, half in colours, and a list of problems and exercises. [A. & C. Black, 4, 5 and 6 Soho Square, London. 10d. each set.]

*The Economic History of England*, by M. Briggs, G. A., Cantab. B. Sc. London, gives an outline of the economic development of England from Roman times to the present day. Separate chapters deal with Scotland, Ireland and London. A very useful hand book for the history teacher. In the chapter on "the Economic Effect of the Great War" (*i. e.* the Napoleonic Wars) the writer admits the extreme difficulty of estimating the effect. The following paragraph has especial interest just now:

"The three weaknesses of economic warfare, whether an aid to fighting, or whether carried on by tariffs in time of peace, are: First, the damage done to the enemy is out of all proportion to the advantage gained, and needless irritation results; secondly, neutrals are nearly always affected, some to their hurt; thirdly, the objects aimed at are never effectively carried out." [University Tutorial Press, London. 508 pages.]

This firm also sends us three volumes of their shilling school Latin Classics: Caesar, Gallic War, Books I and II, edited with vocabulary and notes by D. M. Perm; and Virgil, Aeneid, Book IX, by J. F. Richards.

### THE MAGAZINES.

*Bird Lore* for February contains the results of the Christmas Bird Census which this magazine inaugurated fifteen years ago as a humane substitute for the old Christmas 'Side Hunt.'

From the Atlantic to Pacific, from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada, observers go afield on this day in keen and friendly rivalry, armed not with guns, but with field-glasses. The record 'bag' was made by W. Leon Dawson at Santa Barbara, California. Mr. Dawson recorded 107 species, doubtless a greater number of birds than have before been seen on a single winter day in North America. Five of these reports came from Ontario, and one from Yarmouth, N. S., where seven species and eighteen individual birds were seen on December 29. Every one who is interested in birds will enjoy this number. The Audubon Societies' department is of special interest for the school-room. The Junior Audubon work, suggesting correlation of bird study, reading, drawing, and spelling, and a study of the question of keeping cats are practical articles. Reports from boys and girls are published, and directions given for the right kind of bird-box.

War stories are beginning to abound. There is a charming one in the *March Century*, called "The Way to Tipperary," by Edgar Jepson. In "Arms and the Race," in the same issue, R. M. Johnston discusses the difficulties in the way of disarmament. The Rev. Gavan Duffy contributes a fine article on "The Bondage of Modern Religion." Both the articles and the short stories of this number are above the average.

*St. Nicholas* for March appeals to young people who like a flavor of history in their fiction. "A Page of Béarn" is a pretty story of the difficulties of Jeanne d'Albret, and introduces the boy, Henry of Navarre. "How the Vicar of Wakefield found a Publisher," is told in the form of a play, by Maud Morrison Frank. The popular serials — Mrs. Burnett's, "The Lost Prince," and "A Maid of Denewood," have interesting instalments. Hildegard Hawthorne in "Books and Reading," deals with Joel Chandler Harris.