

"Tom P. ulding," a serial by Brander Matthews, promises well. Mary E. Wilkins contributes one of her short stories, "The Dickey Boy," and E. T. Corbett a delightful piece of verse, wonderfully illustrated, entitled "The New Story of the Apple Pie."

ANDREW LANG'S second paper "Among Books" appears in the November *Scribner's*. "Authors he met while at College" add interest to the books mentioned. "The Wrecker" increases in interest and nears the southern seas where Mr. Stevenson is now at home. "The Federation of Australia" by the Hon. Alfred Deakin, M.P., of Victoria is a question of moment to Canadians. The poetry is by Duncan Campbell Scott, Octave Thanet and Julian Hawthorne. "Mr Lowell as a Teacher," by one of his pupils, is a contribution of value to Lowelliana.

*Catalogue of the Michigan Mining School.* (Houghton; Published by the Mining School.)

*College Series of Greek Authors.* Edited under the supervision of John Williams White and Thomas D. Seymour.

PART II. of Messrs. Macmillan's illustrated edition of *A Short History of the English People* has just been issued and contains Sections III. to V., of Chapter first.

A number of the illustrations are taken from ancient copies of the Scriptures; the subjects of others are coins, necklaces, a Viking ship found at Tune, Alfred the Great's jewel found at Athelney, etc.

*A Handbook of British Commerce.* By P. L. Simmonds, F.L.S. (London: Moffatt and Paige.) This manual of commercial geography is arranged as a kind of dictionary, a list being given of all the principal articles of commerce, etc., and brief accounts being appended to each. These are models in their way, and the amount of information included is surprising. A few omissions might be noted—the name of Prof. Bell might well be given under the telephone, for instance—and the note on aluminium is too brief, but these matters will doubtless be

remedied in later editions. The book was needed and will be of much service.

ONE has a feeling, in reading books on morality, that it is a pity we cannot use the best of all text-books on Morals. Still it shows at least that some persons know the need for teaching this subject when such books as *Ethics for Young People* by Prof. Everett of Harvard (published by Messrs. Ginn & Co., of Boston) are issued from the press. Prof. Everett's book has many good points, and deals with duties which we owe to ourselves and others in a clear and fair manner. But there is *nothing* in the book from first to last which deals with the one relation in which we all stand to each other and to a Heavenly Father. How can a book on Ethics which ignores that be satisfactory?

*English Men of Action:*

*Rodney.* By David Hannay. 2s. 6d., (London: Macmillan & Co., and New York.) Mr. Hannay writes *con amore* and what is so written is apt to be so read. It would be well if his book secured for its subject that recognition, though tardy, which Admiral Rodney's great services to his country deserve. He saved the West Indies when the American Colonies were lost, and was thus one of the very few men who made the British Empire so far as victories can make it. For him who would inform himself of historical or naval affairs, or who can appreciate a great sailor and a true man, this is a book to read and enjoy.

*The High School French Grammar.* By W. H. Fraser, B.A., Lecturer on Italian and Spanish, University of Toronto, and J. Squair, B.A., Lecturer on French, University College Toronto. (Toronto: Rose Pub. Co.) This is a book that deserves recognition for many reasons, though indeed, perhaps, it does not need it, having received pre-natal authorization from the Education Department. It is intended to be used both in elementary and advanced classes, and is both well-written and well arranged. Much attention is given to pronunciation, and the exercises are practical and carefully graded. The Vocabularies and Index add greatly to the value of the book.