

## NOTES, REVIEWS, AND COMMENTS.

**Entomology.** —\***FRAIL CHILDREN OF THE AIR.** Another of Mr. Scudder's delightful books has just come to hand, with the above pretty title. It is a tastefully bound 8vo. of 279 pages, containing 31 short chapters, 9 plates, on the habits and structure of butterflies, written in a graceful, but clear and popular, style, which will make the book entertaining to many who have never taken any special interest in butterflies and will, we believe, realise the author's hope, expressed in the preface, "gain for our butterflies a deeper interest and closer attention on the part of the observing public." This is really an excellent selection from a series of papers which ran through Mr. Scudder's large and costly work, "The Butterflies of the Eastern United States and Canada," and, although forming a "consistent whole," each chapter is complete in itself. The following titles of some of the subjects treated will give a slight idea of the scope of this attractive little volume:—Butterflies in Disguise, Butterflies as Botanists, Butterfly Sounds, The Eggs of Butterflies, How Butterflies pass the Winter, Protective Colouring in Caterpillars, The Procession of the Seasons, Some Singular Things About Caterpillars, The Friends and Associates of Caterpillars, Butterflies of the Past.

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3. JAMESON, CHARLES D.—"**Portland Cement,**" "*a monograph.*" The Transit: Vol. III; No. 1, 192 pp. Iowa City, 1895.
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Lawsonite is named in honor of Prof. A. C. Lawson, M.A., Ph D., etc., etc., Professor of Geology in the University of California, and formerly on the staff of the Geological Survey of Canada.

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\*Frail Children of the Air—Excursions into the World of Butterflies—By Samuel H. Scudder, Cambridge, Mass. \$1.50.