

Moffatt's Civil Service Examples in Arithmetic. (London: Moffatt & Paige.) 2s. 6d. A good collection of some 1900 questions in Arithmetic, compiled from the Civil Service Examination papers for the last ten years. The answers are given.

The Story of our Continent. By Prof. Shaler. (Boston: Ginn & Co.)

Prof. Shaler's book is a valuable account of the geography of North America in relation to its geology. We can cordially commend it to our readers. There is a good index.

Latin Prose. By A. Judson Eaton, Ph.D., (Leipzig.) (Boston: Ginn & Co.) This work, prepared by Mr. Eaton (of McGill University, Montreal), is a collection of Latin Prose Exercises, based upon Book XXI. of Livy. The notes and references given are of considerable value.

International Modern Language Series:

(1) *Racine. Andromaque.* Edited by Prof. Bôcher.

(2) *Montaigne. De L' Institution des Enfants.* Edited by Prof. Bôcher.

(3) *Molière. Le Misanthrope.* Edited by Prof. Bôcher. (Boston: Ginn & Co.)

Star-Land. By Sir R. S. Ball, F.R.S., Royal Astronomer of Ireland. (Boston: Ginn & Co.) This is a most interesting popular astronomy, being the substance of Lectures delivered by Sir Robert Ball at the Christmastide Juvenile Lectures of the Royal Institution. Anyone might read it with interest and profit.

Lamb's Essays. Selected and Annotated by Elizabeth D. Hanscom. \$1.50. (Boston: D. Lothrop Co.)

A biographical sketch of the life of Charles Lamb opens this volume, and the essays which follow are those of autobiographic interest. This lends a uniqueness to the work, but in itself it is one that will be desired by all lovers of Charles Lamb. The notes are of unusual value as they make clear the frequent references not likely to be generally understood. It is a pleasant book to read and one that will win new friends for its subject.

The International Date Line. By Henry Collins, A.M. (Syracuse: C. W. Bardeen.) 15c. An interesting discussion of the origin and position of the "Date Line"—"the line at which dates must be made later by one day when crossing it from East to West, and earlier by one day when crossing it from West to East." Mr. Collins finds it to be an irregular line, located chiefly in the Pacific Ocean and extending from pole to pole.

Five Short Courses of Reading in English Literature. By Prof. Winchester, of Wesleyan University. (Boston: Ginn & Co.)

A list of useful books to read with biographical and critical references, and advice as to the best editions, etc., is given here. The first is on "Marlowe, Greene, Shakespeare, Bacon, Milton," and the fifth on "Carlyle, Ruskin, Arnold, Browning, Tennyson."

English Words. By Prof. Johnson, of Trinity College, Hartford. (New York: Harper & Brothers.)—Prof. Johnson modestly calls his work "An Elementary Study in Derivations." It is a collection of essays on the literary values of words, showing marked independence of thought and careful research. Remarks on the word-forming instinct, surnames and North American proper names may be specially mentioned. One is repaid for reading it.

The Geometry of the Circle. By W. J. McClelland, M.A. 5s. (London: Macmillan & Co., and New York.)—This is an important treatise on modern geometry for the use of advanced public school students and those taking Honour Mathematics at the universities. Difficult examples being fully worked out and hints given in many cases for other questions, it is probable that those who have an adequate knowledge of the first six books of Euclid and the elementary formula in Plane Trigonometry will be able to master the work here treated of. Mathematicians will find several new features—attention being paid, for instance, to recent developments of the geometry of the triangle. The examples given in this excellent textbook are numerous and well chosen.