

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

To accommodate readers who may wish it, the publishers of THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY will send, postpaid, on receipt of the price, any Book reviewed in these columns.

Books received—The Kensington Series, Thomas Laurie, Educational Publisher, London, Eng., English Grammar and Analysis by David Campbell, 1s 3d, History of the English Language by David Campbell, 9d., Text-book of Composition, 1s., cheap, neat and suitable for use in our Elementary schools.

The Great Explorers. Thomas Nelson and Sons, London, England, 2s.

The Great Explorers is one of those books that are useful rather than attractive. This one is well gotten up, carefully, if quaintly, illustrated, and the material for each sketch is carefully culled from reliable sources. Brief sketches are given of twelve great travellers, beginning with Marco Polo and ending with David Livingstone. A thoughtful boy or girl would find these short sketches most interesting, and the impression they leave is that of a desire to learn more of these great men, with whom we have had but a slight acquaintance. If one wishes to give a useful book, or to awaken in the mind of a restless boy or merry girl a desire for more solid reading, he could not do better than fix upon this book, which is one of the best of its kind that we have seen.

A text-book on Commercial Geo-

graphy. By Cyrus C. Adams, B.A. D. Appleton and Company, New York, U. S. A.

This is one of the twentieth century text-books, issued by the Appletons, of New York. Under the supervision of A. F. Nightingale, Ph. D., superintendent of High Schools of Chicago. The publication of this book and such books as this, is clear proof of the truth that the war of the near, very near, future, is to be in commerce. Let any teacher of the subject of geography compare this text-book on geography, with the geographies ten or fifteen years ago, and he will be amazed at the change. Here he will find soils, pasture lands, different crops; harbors, seas, rivers, canals, coinage; exports, imports, etc., etc.; conveyance of products of the soil or manufactures almost exclusively treated of.

Not a word about kings, navies, or land forces, only those forces which favor or retard industry, are recognized. The relentless war of the coming days will call upon the mothers and children to join hands with the men to keep in the front rank of power and influence the native countries of the contending peoples. It is rather noticeable that in comparing Great Britain and the United States of America, the comparison is strictly kept with the little islands, and