

of knowledge and opinion on this subject. The lectures are especially valuable as presenting in a true scientific spirit a general view of this branch of natural history in its connection with other branches, and as such we commend them to the attention of our readers.

Library and Prize Books.

- (1) *DICK'S DOG.* By Ascot R. Hooper. Edinburgh: W. P. Nimmo, Hay & Mitchell.
- (2) *WATER BABIES.* By Charles Kingsley. London and New York: Macmillan & Co.
- (3) *HERR BABY.* By Mrs. Mo'esworth. *Ibid.*
- (4) *CUCKOO CLOCK.* By the same. *Ibid.*
- (5) *CHRISTMAS CHILD.* By the same. *Ibid.*
- (6) *TWO LITTLE WAIFS.* By the same. *Ibid.*
- (7) *Us.* By the same. *Ibid.*
- (8) *THE WILLOUGHBY CAPTAINS.* By Talbot Baines Reed. 5s. London: Hodder & Stoughton.
- (9) *COST WHAT IT MAY.* By Emma Hornibrook. 3s. 6d. *Ibid.*

It is often a decidedly difficult matter to get prize-books suitable for young children, which shall be neither dull nor foolish. (1) is a collection of good short tales which would do admirably. Any child who has not read the late Canon Kingsley's beautiful story has a great pleasure in store (2). Of Mrs. Molesworth's books (3-7) which are not, we think, very well known in Canada, we can speak most favourably. Her insight into child-life, her knowledge of children's thoughts and ways, and her beautiful style, which an English authority compares to that of George Eliot, combine to make her books alike pleasant and profitable reading. (9) is a story of Cavalier and Roundhead times,

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COMPANION TO THE WEEKLY PROBLEM PAPERS By the Rev. John J. Milne, M.A. 340 pp. London and New York: Macmillan & Co.

Intended for scholarship men and for the junior members of universities reading for mathematical honors, this volume aims at taking up points passed over with little or no attention in the standard mathematical text books with which the author assumes that the student is thoroughly acquainted. We have already had the pleasure of speaking of the previously-published works of this accomplished mathematician, and can only add that he has now placed within the reach of students and teachers a weapon which, in skilful hands, will do good work.

PSYCHOLOGY. THE COGNITIVE POWERS. By James McCosh, D.D., LL.D. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Toronto: William Briggs.

The student of the "new science," as Psychology is sometimes called, has already a somewhat extensive literature to call to his aid; to that literature the present work, by a well-known and highly-esteemed author, is no inconsiderable addition. It is characterized by perspicuity, profound knowledge, and large Christian common sense from first to last page. A brief introduction defines and clears the way, and the main portion of the volume is divided into three books: (1) The Presentative Powers; (2) The Representative Powers; (3) The Comparative Powers. Educators will enjoy this book.

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