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Shakespeare's Tragedy of Hamlet, arranged for reading in Schools; with notes by JOHN ANDREW. Pp. 114. Montreal: Dawson Brothers.

This is a well annotated edition of the most thoughtful of all of Shakespeare's plays. The notes solve many difficulties which would otherwise puzzle the reader. We are glad that the masterpieces of our own matchless literature are receiving the critical study which has too often been reserved for the dead languages.

The Chrysanthemum. A monthly magazine for Japan and the Far East. Yokohama: Kelly & Co. \$2 a year.

It is a striking evidence of the progress of western civilization in Japan, that we can receive, in three weeks from the date of issue, such a well gotten-up magazine devoted to Japanese interests. It contains a good deal of philological criticism

and discussion, among the rest an ingenious paper by our Canadian missionary, the Rev. C. S. Eby, B.A., on writing Japanese in Roman letters, with a couple of pages of translated text. It certainly looks more familiar than the queer crow tracks that the Japanese call letters—but it is no more intelligible to our untutored comprehension. Canadian subscriptions to this magazine received at this office.

Thoughts on the Holy Gospels: How they came to be in Manner and Form as they are. By FRANCIS W. UPHAM, LL.D. Pp. 378. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

The four Gospels are the citadel of the Christian faith. Upon them the fiercest attacks of scepticism have been made, and here the most triumphant defence has been maintained. Dr. Upham, who is especially well qualified for the task, in this volume discusses the important problem of the genesis of the Gospels—a problem of profoundest interest to every Bible student. We commend these thoughtful chapters to the careful study of all who would thoroughly understand the ground of their faith and the credibility of the Holy Gospels.

Byrne Ransom's Building. By HILLS C. PARDOE. Pp. 208, illustrated. New York: Phillips & Hunt.

This is a wholesome story for boys of much narrative interest, and conveying a sound moral. It treats of the stormy period of the war of 1812-15, and in its patriotic teachings is more adapted for American than for Canadian readers.