

superseded the old one on measurement; and there is a chapter on the metric system, which of itself is a valuable addition. These books are too well known to our readers to require any further notice at our hands.

*The Atlantic Monthly* has made an inquiry of ten thousand teachers and superintendents of public schools concerning the actual status of teachers and the schools in every part of the Union. The replies from the best informed men in the work in every State give at first-hand information that contains much encouragement, but much discouragement also. The excessive size of classes, the instability of great masses of teachers, the insecurity of their positions, in some communities the petty political and religious interference—these “confessions” are startling and shocking. A general summary of the results of this interesting inquiry by President G. Stanley Hall is given in *The Atlantic Monthly* for March.

Our thanks are due to the United States Commissioner of Education for a copy of his report for 1892-93. It is most comprehensive and deals at length with the educational side of the Columbian World's Fair in addition to the usual year's history of public instruction in the United States.

COLERIDGE'S *THE RIME OF THE ANCIENT MARINER*, edited by Herbert Bates, A.B., and published by Messrs. Longmans, Green and Company, New York and London. This admirable edition of Coleridge's well known fairy tale in verse is the latest issue of *Longmans' English Classics*, and merits all the praise that we have, in former numbers of the *RECORD*, bestowed on the other volumes of this series. The introduction is very complete. We notice that Mr. Bates combats the prevailing idea that “things are not what they seem,” and that, of necessity, a poem must mean more than the poet has expressed. He also gives this good advice to students of the poem: “Do not make of the poem a combined edition of grammar, spelling-book, dictionary, rhetoric and encyclopedia. It is a poem, and as a poem it should be studied.”

*OLD SOUTH LEAFLETS*, published by the Directors of the Old South Studies in History, Boston. They are reprints of important original papers, accompanied by useful historical and bibliographical notes, and should be of great service to all students of American history. Number 65 contains Washington's Addresses to the Churches (1789-1793).