

Book Reviews.

Kennedy and O'Hearn's new arithmetic in three parts, published by T. C. Allen & Co., of Halifax, N. S. is one of the new books on our review table. It has many superior merits. It is certainly a point not to be subordinated that the book is divided into three parts to give new stimulus to the pupil when beginning to master each part. The most striking points in a general review are simplicity of language, the consistent arrangement of the different arithmetical processes, the illustrative development of each operation, and the prominence and practical turn given to the commercial calculations. Definitions are scarce. The pupil must know and tell, not merely read and reiterate. Addition and multiplication—united by a common working principle, are given their proper sequence, so also is subtraction and division. The Metric System is introduced early and made especially clear. It is a question whether in this, the recently prescribed, or in the old arithmetic, the Unitary Method is introduced early enough, but it receives an excellent treatment. The illustrative development of the process and the application of the Square Root are made very interesting and clear. Mensuration is extended to take in the pyramid and the cone, and specific gravity is introduced and well treated. The problems are numerous and varied, and not too difficult after a judicious drill on the underlying principles. These points we consider are some in which it is superior to Kirkland & Scott's. The new book does not fail to call forth approval and commendation.

The New Science Review introduces itself to the public at an opportune time. It comes to perform a function hitherto unperformed. Among reviews it does not usurp a place, for it strikes one as just what was wanted to fill a void, already made in the endless series of reviews. It is interesting but not particularly helpful to the specialist, while it is both helpful and interesting to the general reader, and it is just here that it fulfils a high purpose. It is a good magazine for a college reading room. The article on Mental Training a Remedy for Education, in the October number is especially interesting. The Review is published quarterly, at New York and London by the Trans-Atlantic Publishing Co., and presents a neat and attractive appearance.

Locals.

Cider!

From the Doctor's lecture, we may infer that "Chiphallers" have more methods than one, of obtaining kindlings.

A pet subject with ministerial students.—"The greatest number of coppers taken at a single service."

Although we believe Sir Charles is O. K., the frequency with which the boys put the question implied some doubt as to the general acceptance of the invariable answer.