

the pupils of the public schools. The plan adopted is plain, systematic, and progressive, from the first presentation of the major scale through every principle and fact of vocal music reading to the completion of the study in the public schools. The clearness and consistency with which the successive elements are presented by the division of the readers into chapters and sections will appeal to the regular teacher, who has felt the need of a carefully outlined course of study in music, simply and naturally developed, so that the daily progress of the pupil shall be positive and unmistakable. Beautiful songs selected with careful discrimination abound in the readers, and the exercises themselves, though of necessity dealing with the progressive difficulties of the subject, will be found more than usually interesting because of their true melodic character.

October Magazines.

Several serials are completed in the October *Century*. Prof. Sloane brings his Life of Napoleon to a conclusion in a dramatic chapter entitled "The Eclipse of Napoleon's Glory," including striking pictures of the battle of Waterloo and the exile to St. Helena, and to which is appended a portrait of the author by the French artist Paul Leroy. Recent numbers of *Littell's Living Age* contain, with much more equally good and interesting reading, "Mrs. Meynell's Two Books of Essays," by George Meredith; "Recent Science," by Prince Kropotkin; "An Excursion in the Atlas Mountains," by Walter B. Harris; "Sir Henry Parks," by A.

Patchett Martin, "Thomas Henry Huxley," by Wilfred Ward, and "Gustavus Adolphus," by Spencer Wilkinson. At least one short story, and selections of recent poetry appears in each weekly issue. Information regarding "New Features" about to be introduced, with special offers to new subscribers, may be obtained by application to the publishers, The Living Age Co., Boston. . . . The *Atlantic Monthly* has an article "Tis Sixty Years Since at Harvard," by Edward Everett Hale, in which a very instructive comparison is instituted between the university life of that time and the present. . . . In *Popular Science Monthly*, Henry L. Clapp writes on the The Educative Value of Children's Questioning, which his experience leads him to rate high. . . . The *Chautauquan* has interesting articles as usual, "A Group of Eminent French Women," by Eugene L. Didier, will well repay perusal. Prof. Charles W. Andrews, Ph. D., of Bryn Maur College, contributes a scholarly and comprehensive paper on "The French Republic." . . . In the *Ladies' Home Journal* for this month, Thos. W. Higginson devotes a chapter to a Boy's Bookshelf in which he gives a list of one hundred books that should be found on the bookshelf. . . . The October *McClure* is rich in good fiction. Beside which is an interesting account of Ian Maclaren, author of the "Bonnie Brier Bush," by an intimate personal friend Rev. D. M. Ross, describing him as a minister and pulpit orator, in which character he had become eminent before he took up authorship, as well as his literary methods and career. . . . The *Forum* for October has a scholarly article by Prof. John G. Hibben on "Princeton College and Patriotism."

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