

Board, the Dictionary might well be prescribed during the transition period as giving the old and new spellings. Of course the principle would not apply to all the words requiring to be simplified; but it could be applied to very many. We recommend the publisher in a future edition to apply the principle to every word authorized by the S. S. B., when there will be an additional reason for its general use, than its cheapness and general excellence.

**"The Black Diamond Reader"**—a Primer of Coal Mining for schools and continuation (high school) classes, by Henry Briggs, published by Thomas Nelson and Sons—is an admirable book for any school library, and should be used, perhaps, as a text book in coal mining sections. It is about 5 by 7 inches with 8 pages of preface and 247 of reading matter; and is sold at one shilling and eightpence (50 cents here, probably).

**"Primary Handwork"** by Ella Victoria Dobbs, B. S., A. M., Assistant Professor of Manual Arts, University of Missouri, is just published by the MacMillan Company, New York. It contains more than 124 pages with numerous (61) illustrations. Its ten chapters have the following titles. 1. Introduction. II. Paper cutting and Poster making. III. Booklets. IV. Criticism and standards of Workmanship. V. The house problem. VI. The village street. VII. Sand tables and what to do with them. VIII. Animals and toys. IX. Holidays. X. General suggestions and summary. There is an illustration on the average for every leaf. Its price is only 75 cents.

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In every number it has several pages devoted to photographs of the best new school buildings being erected in the United States and Canada, and reproductions of their plans in ample detail, and specifications of novel features. No book of school building plans can give so much information in the course of a year; and the subscription price is only \$1.50. In addition to this great feature it gives attention to all the educational movements and problems engaging the attention of teachers and school trustees. And the advertising columns show where school building material and equipments of all kinds can be procured. This is not an advertisement asked for or expected by the School Board Journal. It is, as all other such notices in the *Journal of Education*, made in the interests of those who desire such information.