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Tate's *New Junior Latin Reader* provides a graduated course of lessons in translation from Latin into English for beginners from thirteen to fifteen years of age. The book is divided into three parts, the first consisting of easy extracts, the second and third of more difficult ones. All extracts are from Roman historians and poets and prose writers, broken up at first into clauses and sentences, then printed as continuous passages, to illustrate the structure of the Latin period. The passages deal with separate episodes and incidents, all of which will be helpful to the student in his later reading. (Cloth, pages 242, price 2s. The University Tutorial Press, New Oxford Street, London, W. C.)

Bailey's *Second Stage Inorganic Chemistry* is intended to provide, with the First Stage, by the same author and his associates, a complete course for students of inorganic chemistry. Much stress is laid on experimental work. The book is arranged in such order as to enable the student to readily grasp the principal facts relating to the metallic elements. The type and illustrations are clear and the mechanical make-up of the book is a stimulus to the student. (Cloth, pages 544, price 4s. 6d. The University Tutorial Press, London, W. C.)

Stewart and Satterly's *Junior Sound and Light* is elementary in character, containing the simple rudiments of sound and light. Professor Satterly is lecturer in the University of Toronto. The treatment is so clear and simple that teachers in elementary schools will find the book useful in conveying to their pupils simple ideas in their nature-study lessons on sound and light. The illustrations are plain and add greatly to the value of the book. (Cloth, pages 227, price 2s. 6d. The University Tutorial Press, London, W. C.)

The Homes of Many Lands (India) by John Finnemore. This is a fascinating book, attractively illustrated and clearly printed. The subject matter, dealing with home and school life, the pleasures and sports, legends, homes of the wild folk and other features of life in India, are admirably portrayed and will prove as interesting to grown-ups as to children. (Cloth, pages 87, price 1s. 6d. A. & C. Black, Soho Square, London, W.)

"Peeps at History." *The Barbary Rovers* by John Finnemore. This is another book of absorbing interest to the youthful reader, and one that will supply a chain of events not told in the general history—the Barbary Corsairs, their captures, the tributes which they exacted from all merchantment on the Mediterranean, the escapes and redemption of their captives, their redoubtable opponents, the Knights of St. John, and their final overthrow, are told in a style that makes history more fascinating than cheap novel reading. The series includes "Peeps" at Nature, at Great Railways, at History, at Heraldry, at Great Industries, at

the Heavens, etc. (Cloth, pages about 100 in each volume, price 1s. 6d., postpaid 1s. 10d. A. & C. Black, Soho Square, London. Agents, The Macmillan Company of Canada, Toronto.)

Other books of this series, "Peeps" at Great Cities (Florence), at Many Lands (Java, Newfoundland, Ancient Egypt) at Heraldry, have been received. They are of such interest that our reviewer has to read them from cover to cover before he writes. School libraries will find these books both attractive and useful to pupils. They are among the best books we have ever seen for children.

Two books recently published in the "Everychild's Series," in which teachers will be much interested, are *Historical Plays for Children* and *Great Opera Stories*. The latter embraces the stories of six great German operas, taken from original sources, as follows: Children of Kings; Hänsel and Gretel; The Master Singers; Lohengrin, the Knight of the Swan; The Flying Dutchman; Tannhauser, the Minstrel Knight. The former (Historical Plays) are intended for reading lessons in the class-room and may also be used, with a few simple costumes and other suggestive properties, for occasional entertainment. Many of the subjects of the readings are Canadian characters, or those who have been associated with the history of Canada, such as General Wolfe, La Salle, Henry Hudson, Magellan, Sir Walter Raleigh, Joliet and Marquette, Columbus and others. The idea is a novel and original one, appealing to the imaginative and initiative impulses of children. The stories are adapted for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. (Cloth, price 40 cents net. The Macmillan Co., New York; The Macmillan Company of Canada, Toronto.)

There has been published by the Cambridge (England) University Press a neat and useful little volume, illustrated, on *House Flies and How they Spread Disease*, by C. Gordon Hewitt, D.Sc., the Government Entomologist of Canada. Dr. Hewitt is becoming well known by his researches and his lectures throughout the Dominion, and his little book may be regarded as authoritative on the subject. He has certainly arranged his material in a very clear, concise and instructive manner. Teachers can hope for nothing better on the subject. (Cloth, pages 122. The Cambridge University Press; The Macmillan Company of Canada, Toronto.)

Stirling's *Atlas of the Life of Christ* is a little book that will be welcomed by New Testament students. It is a series of maps on which, as far as possible, Christ's journeys have been traced, and the different incidents of His ministry marked and described at the places where they occurred. (Paper, 8d. net. Cloth boards, 1s. net. Geo. Philip & Son, 32 Fleet street, London, E. C.)

Philips' *Practical Map-reading Cards* provide a complete course covering the main features of the geography of the world, and consisting of forty-eight cards of exercises, measurements, etc., intended to familiarize pupils with the general characteristics of the great land masses, physical configuration of countries, direction of rivers and mountain ranges, the position and size of towns, islands, etc. (Price 1/2d; 25 of a kind, 1s. net. Geo. Philip & Son, 32 Fleet street, London, E. C.)

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