

tem, while in several additional folio plates there are shown the sections of the country, including the chief cities and suburbs, and so with all parts of the world. It is especially full in details of British Colonies and possessions. Its different maps of commercial routes are invaluable to the business man; while to the student and teacher it is so convenient for reference and at the same time so complete, that the study of geography will be invested with a new interest.

**PRACTICAL LESSONS IN THE USE OF ENGLISH:** Book I. for Primary Schools, Book II. for Grammar Schools; by Mary F. Hyde, Teacher of Composition in the State Normal School, Albany, N. Y.; D. C. Heath & Co., Publishers, Boston.

In these books we have an admirable series of steps, illustrating how the English language may be taught so as to secure the best expression of thought and at the same time to cultivate a taste for good literature. From the first, ideas of grammar and correct syntax are developed. No incorrect expressions are given for correction, but the pupils are led to avoid common errors by being trained to use correct forms. The books will be welcomed by all who are striving to teach English composition by natural and practical methods.

**CARDINAL WOLSEY AND WILLIAM THIRD:** - We have received the above named works in the "Twelve English Statesmen" series: Published by MacMillan & Co., London and New York.

The subjects of these sketches were men whose policy did much to make the England of to-day, and no one can rise from a perusal of the books without being profoundly impressed with the character of each. The author of "Cardinal Wolsey," regards that statesman as the greatest political genius and the most devoted patriot that England has ever produced. One may differ from the author's estimate, but he cannot fail to be influenced by the keen analysis of the aims and methods of Wolsey, as well as the striking and vigorous language in which the book is written. The author of William the Third has been less successful in placing a striking portrait before us, but he has given us a graphic delineation of the events of European history at that time.

**SEA-SIDE AND WAY-SIDE:** No. 2 of the "Nature Readers" by Julia McNair Wright: D. C. Heath & Co., Publishers, Boston.

All who read the first of this series must have been charmed with the delightful way in which the authoress introduces her subject. The simple and unique manner in which objects are described must awaken a strong interest in children's minds, arouse their curiosity, and lead to further observation. The second volume deals with the different kinds of ants and their habits, earth-worms, the house-fly, beetles and other insects. The descriptions are novel and interesting, and at the same time care has been taken to make them scientific and accurate.

**WORLD-ENGLISH:** The Universal Language; by Alex. Melville Bell. Published by M. D. C. Hodges, New York.

This is a pamphlet (price 25 cents), giving a statement of the forms of the letters, the sounds, etc., with other information concerning the "World-English."

**WORDSWORTH'S PRELUDE:** An Autobiographical Poem. Annotated by A. J. George, Acting Professor of English Literature in Boston University, and Teacher of English Literature, Newton, Mass. High School. D. C. Heath & Co., Publishers, Boston.

Few even of the most ardent admirers of Wordsworth are familiar with this remarkable poem which was not published until after the author's death and has never before been published apart from his complete works. It is a correct biography of the poet's life and shows the growth of his mind. While not so beautiful nor delightful as many of the smaller poems, it reveals the secret of their beauty and contains the key to that poetic philosophy which characterizes Wordsworth's writings. In the notes will be found such assistance, historical, geographical, and explanatory, as the student would not be likely to get elsewhere. The prelude will be followed by the publication of other of Wordsworth's poems.

### EXCHANGES.

The *Illustrated London News* (American edition, published at New York,) has some fine sketches in its issue of June 2nd of the Anglo-Danish Exhibition at Copenhagen, in which the Prince and Princess of Wales have taken a great interest. *Garden and Forest* has had several interesting and valuable articles recently on the decoration of school grounds. Its weekly illustrations on garden and forest topics are valuable to a student. The *Scientific American* for June 2nd, commenced a series of articles on Fabulous Astronomy, which, to judge from the first, will possess considerable interest for the students of astronomy. The *Microscope*, 25 Washington Ave., Detroit, Mich., U. S. A., for May, is invaluable to the young microscopist, 32 pages, monthly, and only \$1.00 a year. The *Eastern Chronicle* is printed on a new press, and is one of the best looking weeklies in Canada. *Science*, 41 Lafayette Place, New York, is becoming weekly more interesting. It gives most readable summaries of scientific work in America. The *Swiss Cross* comes monthly laden with its usual good bill of fare. The *Evening Herald* is one of our best filled weekly exchanges. In a late issue it had a brief sketch of Sir Wm. Dawson. The *Century* is specially interesting at present on account of George Kennan's graphic description of Russia and the exile system in Siberia. The first instalment of this serial appeared in the May number. The second of the series in the June number is a perfect revelation concerning the resources and climate of Siberia. No student should miss reading these articles. The *Century* is always well filled with the most interesting general articles, and is superbly illustrated with the best engraver's art. *St. Nicholas*, another of the *Century's* publications, is also finely illustrated and admirable for the excellence of its articles for youthful readers. *Wild Animals*, published by D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, is one of the most attractive magazines for children and the June number is especially beautiful. *Popular Science Monthly* for June has an excellent article on "Education and the Employment of Children," and its table of contents embraces a wide range of subjects, scientific and practical.