

MECHANICS FOR BEGINNERS, Part I., Dynamics and Statics. By Rev. J. B. Lock, M. A., fellow and bursar of Gouville and Cain's College, Cambridge. Clothboard, pp. viii + 264, 4½ by 7 in., 3s. 6d. MacMillan & Co., London and New York, 1891. A capital little book. We don't know a better book for the beginner—very clear, systematic and modern in its treatment of the subject.

PICTOU ACADEMY, course of study for the year 1891-92 and catalogue for 1890-91. This annual comes out in good style as usual. 231 students have been enrolled during the past year. Its staff represents more scholarship than some institutions which are called colleges, as its catalogue represents more students.

SHORT ANALYSIS OF ENGLISH HISTORY, by T. F. Tout, M. A. Price 1s. MacMillan & Co., London and New York. This little primer will be useful to teachers, as it presents in chronological order the chief facts of English history concisely stated. It forms an excellent companion for larger text-books, helping students to acquire a precise acquaintance with the facts of history.

SCOTT'S LAY OF THE LAST MINSTREL, with Introduction and Notes by G. H. Stuart, M. A., and E. H. Elliot, B. A. Price 2s. Publishers: MacMillan & Co., London and New York. Readers of Scott's poetry will be glad to have placed before them this favorite piece in such a convenient and readable form.

Current Periodicals.

St. Nicholas for October has an account by Margaret Bissell of "A Curious Relic," namely, a part of the figure-head of the old frigate "Constitution." Another novelty is a short letter from Meredith Nugent explaining where grasshoppers and crickets tried to hide their ears until Sir John Lubbock rummaged them out for us. There are poems and bits of verse in plenty; Crandall's "Three Tree" being a fair presentation of the poetic, while Malcolm Douglas's "Cuckoo Clocks" is notable for its jolly rhythm, and "White Marie," by Virginia Woodward Cloud, is as dainty

a bit of lyrical fancy as any child might hope to find.... *The Popular Science Monthly* for October opens with the first of a series of Lessons from the Census, in which is traced the growth of the census, and shows that it has come to be a somewhat unwieldy instrument. Under the title *Metamorphoses in Education*, Prof. E. Dolbear traces the necessary connection between the new character which human life has taken on and the rise of scientific education. *Littell's Living Age* for September 26th and October 3rd contain memoirs of Prince Tallyrand, *Edinburgh Review*; Private Life in France in the Fourteenth Century, *Fortnightly Review*; The American Tramp, *Contemporary Review*; Some Recent Studies on the Solar Spectrum, *Month*; Sir John Macdonald, *Blackwood's Magazine*; Goethe's Friendship with Schiller, *Fortnightly Review*; Maiden Speech, *Murray's Magazine*; Our Dealings with the Poor, *Nineteenth Century*; Names in Novels, *Blackwood's Magazine*, and other interesting articles. For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4.00 monthlies or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.... *The Century* for October has the closing one of Mr. Kennan's series, and is entitled "My Last Days in Siberia." He describes his experiences among the Kachinski Tartars and the political exiles of Minusinsk, and with the "plague-guard" quarantine, and narrates the journey by way of Tobolsk and Tiumen to St. Petersburg.... *The American Naturalist* for August has the description of a new "Jumping Mouse" from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. This animal now rejoices in the name *Zapus insignis*, Miller. It is not really new to Nova Scotia, however, as it was taken near Halifax more than a third of a century ago, and was described by Dawson (*Edinb. N. Phil. Jour.*, III., 1856), under the name *Meriones labradorius*, Rich.... *The Toronto Educational Journal* contains a capital portrait and sketch of Principal Geo. M. Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston.... *Garden and Forest* for the past four or five months has had a series of very interesting articles on "How we Renewed an Old Place."

THE KINDERGARTEN MAGAZINE gives to primary teachers practical helps: "Typical Primary Lessons," Sarah E. Griswold, Cook Co., Normal; "Color and Form," Josephine C. Locke; "Science Sessions," Edw. G. Howe; and other articles by best writers, adapting kindergarten methods to primary work. One year, \$1.50; 3 months' trial, 30 cents. Kindergarten Pub. Co., 277 Madison St., Chicago.

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