

Hints for the Library

The Story of the Human Body, by Chalmers Watson, M.D., F.R.C.P.E. Thomas Nelson & Sons, Toronto. This is a reader in hygiene for pupils in Form III of the Public Schools and is recommended by the Minister of Education for use in school libraries in Ontario. The price is 35 cents. It is very well illustrated with coloured reproductions, half tones and diagrams; the type is clear and very suitable for children, the binding is excellent. In the opinion of the present reviewer, the book is well adapted for children, and the material is so arranged that the teacher will find it a valuable aid in the preparation of lessons in hygiene. The treatment of the lessons seems to be particularly well done, being as near story form as the nature of the subject will permit. Apparently the publishers have spared neither pains nor expense in order to produce a first class book.

Nature Study Lessons, by G. A. Cornish, B.A. pp. 96. The Dominion Book Co., Toronto. This book contains 31 lessons on birds, along with other interesting material. There are 11 full page coloured plates, besides half tone illustrations and zinc engravings. Teachers will find this book not only a valuable aid, but an inspiration, in teaching the subject. Each lesson outlines observations which may be made by the pupils and gives a great deal of valuable information for the teacher's use. Bird food, beaks, eggs and migration are dealt with, as well as individual birds. Each bird chosen is typical of a large number. To quote from the author's preface: "One of the most irritating things that a teacher meets in a book is a series of questions where he looks for information. I have tried in every case to ask no questions for which an answer will not be found in the text".

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Elementary Chemistry, by Alexander Smith, head of the department of chemistry in Columbia University. Published by The Century Company, 1914. 439 pages. Price \$1.25. All teachers familiar with Professor Smith's very excellent advanced chemistries will welcome his latest volume. This book covers our junior and senior Matriculation work. "One aim has been to provide a text suited to the needs of those who do not later continue the study of the subject, by calling attention to materials and processes used in the household and in commerce, and the prevention of industrial waste." Yet the fundamental principles have received the most attention. Questions at the end of each chapter will stimulate thought. The book will be a very helpful one.

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