

the Belgian King. There is much other reading, instructive and entertaining.

In the *Catholic World* for January Father Searle begins a study of spiritualism or spiritism. "Strictly speaking," he writes, "there is, perhaps, nothing absolutely new in all these modern occurrences. They have great value from being accurately and faithfully observed and reported by men of great scientific ability or by others instructed by them in scientific methods, so that we have now a great mass of evidence carefully sifted, and freed at least from ordinary sources of error". On February 20, 1882 the investigators formed themselves into "The Society for Psychical Research." Sir William Crookes is one of the active members.

Book Review.

Davison's Practical Zoology. Cloth 12mo. 368 pages. Price \$1.
American Book Company, New York.

This is an elementary text book treating of the structure life, history and relations of animals. A comparatively small amount of laboratory work is indicated, and the animals to be used are such as may be secured almost anywhere. Numerous illustrations have been introduced. Much time and expense was given to the preparation of photographs which can be relied on as representing facts and approaching as nearly as possible to nature itself.

Robbins' Plane Geometry. Half leather, 12mo. 254 pages. Price 75 cents. *American Book Company, New York.*

All books on mathematics look much alike to us. Still, as the majority of us feel that it is incumbent to secure a respectable average on every subject in the Matriculation anything that helps will be rapturously embraced. So when the author declares that the diagrams in this book are superior in character, and the arrangement and typography of the text tend toward economy of time and effort on the part of the beginner we lay the book aside for a spare hour hoping that we shall not be disappointed.

La Bédollière's La Mère Michel et Son Chat. Cloth 12mo. 104 pages. Price 30 cents. *American Book Company, New York.*

A favorite story among French children when it appeared. The edition contains complete vocabulary and helpful notes.