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yses Among the Phaeacians. W. C. Bryant. 15 cents. (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)

Richard II. 1s. 6d. (London: Moffatt & Paige.)

English Classics. (1) *The Tempest.* Edited by Inspector Deighton, of Bareilly. (2) *L'Allegro, Il Penseroso, etc.* Edited by Prof. Bell, of Lahore. (London: Macmillan & Co., and New York.)—We are glad to see selections from Milton's poems and sonnets chosen for a volume of the English Classics Series, and a very satisfactory text-book it is. A large part of the book is devoted to notes, there are some forty pages of text and one hundred and forty of notes. "The Tempest," like the other plays edited by Prof. Deighton, is well adapted for use in schools or by private students. The editions of Shakespeare's plays issued by Messrs. Moffatt & Paige are remarkable for the large amount of information and the extended notes given. We should think that a student having such an edition would scarcely need to consult any other books in studying the play.

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Outlines of Geography. 1s. (London: Moffatt & Paige.)—A good general outline of the geography of the world, but, like a good many other geographies published in England, it gives statistics about Canada some fifteen years out of date. We observe too that it has been "carefully revised."

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