

MESSRS. MACMILLAN AND CO. have just issued the first part of an Illustrated Edition of *A Short History of the English People*. By John Richard Green. The illustrations represent pre-historic relics found in graves, such as keys, ornaments, pottery, armour, etc. They are beautiful illustrations and this edition will be the edition of that great work, the *Short History*.

AN excellent German Grammar has just been published by Messrs. Macmillan & Company under the title of "A Short Historical Grammar of the German Language." It is a translation and adaptation of an Elementary Grammar in German, by Prof. Behaghel, which uses recent results in philology and has evidently been prepared with great care. There is a good index. 3s. 6d.

Manual of English Composition. By John Nichol, M.A., Balliol, Oxon, LL.D. (London: Macmillan and Co., and New York.) Prof. Nichol's little book has been reprinted six times since it was first issued in 1878 as one of the series of English Literature Primers under the general editorship of the late John Richard Green. There are few works on composition which contain in short space so much valuable material for class use. The exercises are admirable and sufficient in number.

Plane and Solid Geometry. By Seth T. Stewart. (New York: American Book Co.) \$1.12. One more new Geometry has appeared; this time in ten books, as follows: Plane Geometry, Straight Lines and Angles, Triangles, Quadrilaterals, Circles, Proportion, Mensuration—Plane Figures, Mensuration—Similar Plane Figures.

Solid Geometry: Planes, Solids with Plane Surfaces, Solids with Curved Surfaces.

Great attention, it will be seen, has been paid to judicious grouping and arrangement, and there are many exercises. The execution is excellent, and the book, though somewhat radical, is of undoubted merit.

Elements of Civil Government. By Prof. A. L. Peterman. (New York: American Book Co.) 60c. Beginning with the home and passing from the school, the civil district, the township, or town, the county, the municipal corporation, to the State, the ideas of government, the principles of justice and law, and the rights and duties of citizens are presented to the pupil. The questions given are well conceived and expressed, and will be a help to the use and mastery of the text-book. Chapters are added on Elections, Party Machinery, the Australian Ballot System, etc., and we can only add that teachers in American schools are fortunate in having so good a text-book on this subject.

English Classics:

(1) *Tennyson — Enoch Arden*.
W. T. Webb. 2s.

(2) *Gray — Poems*. John Bradshaw,
LL.D. 1s. 9d.

(3) *Shakespeare—As You Like It*.
K. Deighton. 1s. 9d. (London: Macmillan & Co., and New York.)

The latest issues of the *English Classics* will certainly win for themselves the same favourable consideration as those first published.

"Enoch Arden" contains, besides a general and biographical Introduction, an excellent short study of the poem itself. In (2) we have an essay on the Life and Writings of Gray which adds materially to the importance of the book. The text comprises twenty-five selected poems.

Mr. Deighton's introduction to "As You Like It" is a scholarly account of the play, and gives further evidence of the writer's ability and knowledge of the needs of students.

In all three volumes we find the usual excellent Notes, Index, etc.