

authorities is judicial, and his summing up and analysis of evidence show a patient research and close study. The notes give evidence of the same painstaking and critical spirit.

Gages "Fiction Series"¹ supplies some of the best novels of the day. They are printed in good type, are well bound and present a very attractive appearance. Although less than a year in the field as publishers of fiction, this enterprising firm has sent out nearly a dozen works. "Dross" is a clever story, well conceived, full of excellent hits and epigrams, and interesting from first to last. "The Mormon Prophet," Miss Dougall's book, has made a decided hit, and is one of the most readable stories published this year. Her treatment of an interesting subject is decidedly original. "The Mandarin" is another story that will repay perusal, giving as it does graphic sketches of eastern life and customs.

¹ DROSS, by Henry Seton Merriman, author of "The Sowers," "With Edged Tools," etc. Cloth; pages, 320; price, \$1.25; paper, 75c.

THE MORMON PROPHET, by Miss L. Dougall, author of "Beggars All," etc. Second Edition. Cloth; pages, 430; price, \$1.25; paper, 75c.

THE MANDARIN, by Carlton Dawe; illustrated by Ludovici. Cloth; pages, 342; price, \$1.00; paper, 50c.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

To be noticed hereafter as time and space may permit.

THE EMPIRE SERIES: *Primer, Part I.* Publishers A. & W. MacKinlay, Halifax, N. S.

GAGE'S FICTION SERIES: *'Postle Farm*, by Geo. Ford; *A Pauper Millionaire*, by Austin Fryers. W. J. Gage & Co., Publishers, Toronto.

A MODERN MERCENARY, by K. and Hesketh Prichard. Publishers, Macmillan & Co., London; Canadian Publishers, The Copp Clark Company, Ltd., Toronto.

TOM BROWN'S SCHOOL DAYS, abridged for schools. Macmillan & Co., Publishers, London, England.

AUGUST MAGAZINES.

The midsummer number of the *Canadian Magazine* is bright and interesting. Mr. W. A. Frazer writes a story of India and Dr. Geo. Stewart gives some reminiscences of Francis Parkman. No one could write more acceptably of Dr. Parkman than Dr. Stewart, both from his personal recollections of the historian and a keen appreciation of his genius. In the *Popular Science Monthly* the Teachers' School of Science established in Boston some years ago is described in an interesting article. There are other articles which will attract the attention of the scientific and general reader, especially that on Race Questions in the Philippine Island. . . . The *Century*, for August, is a midsummer and travel number. The Present Situation in Cuba, is graphically stated in a brief article by Major General Leonard Wood, and there are other interesting articles on current topics. . . . *St. Nicholas* for this month has an attractive table of contents. In *Colored Suns*, Dorothy Leonard tells of other suns than ours that bathe their plants in various colored lights that would make a visiting stranger from this world feel very strange indeed. . . . The *Chautauquan* has a portrait and sketch of Stephen A. Douglas and a table of contents in which there is much of interest and value to the general reader and student. . . . The Midsummer Fiction Number of the *Ladies' Home Journal* is in many respects a notable

magazine. It has brought together in a single issue some of the most popular story-writers, and the most capable black-and-white artists to illustrate their work. Fiction, of course, predominates, but there is an abundance of timely, practical articles especially appealing to home and family interests and tending to lighten and brighten the women's work. . . . Mr. Bagot's discussion of the question "Will England Become Catholic?" which *The Living Age* of July 29 translates from the Italian review, the *Nuova Antologia*, is noteworthy for the emphasis with which it answers in the negative the question which it puts, and the facts which it presents in support of that view. Mr. Bagot is an English Catholic, but he wrote this article in Italian, and it is here done back into English of unusual force and lucidity. . . . A popular feature of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' writings is the happy blending of lively humor and tender pathos which always characterizes and illuminates them. These qualities were perhaps never more in evidence than in her latest and most touching story, "Loveliness," which appears in the August *Atlantic*. "Loveliness" is a "silver Yorkshire terrier," stolen from a delicate little girl, whose life is actually wavering in the balance through her grief over the loss of her beloved pet, when her father, a college professor, discovers the missing favorite in the operating-room of the medical school of his own university, and under the very scalpel of the operator, "kissing his vivisector's hand." The author's indignation that such things should be and be tolerated in these days is expressed in no uncertain terms. The defenders of those who practise what she denominates "the worst torture of all, that reserved by wisdom and power for the dumb, the undefended and the small," will need to use their best weapons to meet the thrilling indictment drawn by her in her brilliant assault upon what she believes to be organized and scientific cruelty.

N. B. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Official Notices.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education has made the following Orders in regard to the use of certain text-books in the Public Schools:

READERS.—The First Primer of a new series of Readers to be known as "The New Brunswick Readers," is authorized for use at the opening of the Schools on August 14th. The Board has also provided for the gradual introduction of the whole of said Series after such intervals in the case of each grade as shall, so far as possible, allow time for the books now in use to be exhausted.

Arrangements have also been made whereby all dealers may, within three months from the date on which notice shall be given of the prescribing of any grade or grades of said Series of Readers, exchange any books of the present Series for others of corresponding grades of the new Series—the dealer in each case to be allowed for the books given in exchange the full price paid by him therefor.

AGRICULTURE.—A text-book entitled "Agriculture," by Charles C. James, M. A., Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, has been authorized for use in Grades IX. and X. of the Superior and Grammar Schools.

COPY BOOKS.—McMillan's New Brunswick Vertical Writing Books are authorized for use in all Schools as an option with the present prescribed Series.

The English Literature for the High Schools will be the same as used last year, with the exception of the substitution of Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice* for *Richard II.* in Grade XI.

For Grade IX. Longfellow's *Evangeline*. Any edition may be used. (Houghton's and Mifflin's Riverside Series recommended.)

NOTE.—Teachers are authorized to take up Scott's *Lady of the Lake*, if time permits, after finishing *Evangeline*. (Any cheap edition of *The Lady of the Lake* may be used.)

For Grades X. and XI. Select poems of Goldsmith, Wordsworth, Scott, Keats, Shelley, and Byron—the first three for Grade X. and the last three for Grade XI.

Additional for Grade XI, Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*. Candidates for License of the First Class will be examined on the Literature for Grade XI. at the closing examinations in June, 1900.

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Chief Supt. of Education.

Education Office, August 10th, 1899.