

Fresh and beautiful with the spirit of Christmas expressed by evergreens on the cover is the December number of *Scribner's*. The table of contents gives one thrills of pleasure in anticipation. The "Bachelor's Christmas" by Robert Grant, "The Source" by Henry Van Dyke, "How the Captain made Christmas" by T. N. Page, are only a few of the many treats in store.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Macmillan's Classical Series. The Adelphoe of Terence. Edited by S. G. Ashmore. (London and New York: Macmillan & Co., through the Copp, Clark Co., Toronto.) This is a good and serviceable edition; there is an introduction covering the necessary ground (Latin comedy and comedians, etc.); there are also full notes and a useful appendix.

The Epistles to the Colossians and to Philemon. Edited by H. C. G. Moule. (Cambridge Press.) This book is welcome. It is pretty evenly divided between text and notes, etc. The Editor's clear and sympathetic teaching, his illustrations, his references to recent books, etc., are satisfying and truly valuable.

We have received from the publishers, Messrs. Ginn & Co., of Boston, a capital textbook on the *Elements of Solid Geometry*, by Prof. Baker of Rochester University. The press-work is beautifully executed and the book is fresh, practical and convenient.

The latest issue of Messrs. Ginn & Co.'s *International Modern Language Series* is *La Prise de la Bastille* by J. Michelet. It is edited, with good notes, by Prof. Luquiens of ¹ *etc.*

Hauff's *Das Wirthshaus im Spessart* is now issued in *Macmillan's Primary Series of French and German Reading Books*, edited by G. Eugene Fasnacht. (London and New York: Macmillan & Co.) 3s. 6d. Excellent notes and vocabularies and a brief biographical notice are prepared by the editor. The simple and charming style of

the author renders his work very suitable for use in schools.

Messrs. Drysdale & Co., of Montreal, have just published Part II. of their *Progressive French Reader* (50c.), edited by Mr. Curtis, French Master of the Montreal High School and L. R. Gregor, B.A., Lecturer in German at McGill University. It is now three years since Part I. appeared, and the editors have evidently bestowed great care on the preparation of this reader. The selections are happily chosen; there are short poems, a few letters, and interesting extracts from Souvestre, Haus Andersen, Alexander Dumas, etc. The book is well printed and well bound and we have pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to it.

A new edition of *Eysenbach's German Grammar*, revised and largely re-written by W. C. Collar, A.M., head master of Roxbury Latin School, has just appeared from the press of Messrs. Ginn & Co. The notes of the present edition have been abridged, and other parts of the book condensed, by Mrs. Curtis, and the selections for translation are omitted. We have now, therefore, a good abridged edition of the earlier book.

Public School Physiology and Temperance. Toronto: William Briggs. By William Nattress, M.D., M.R.C.S., Eng. (25c.) Dr. Nattress shall speak for himself. "The object of the author has been to put clearly before the teachers and pupils the leading facts concerning the structure and functions of the various organs of the body, and, at the same time, to associate with these facts the physiological actions and effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics. The pupil is, in this way, at every turn confronted with the evil effects of alcohol and tobacco, the dangers accompanying their use and the tremendous risk of tampering with such powerful agents of destruction."

Outlines of Rhetoric. By John F. Genung. Boston: Ginn & Co. It will be welcome news to many teachers of English that Prof. Genung has published an elementary Rhetoric. We are not disappointed in this book and we expected a good deal. The author devotes his attention first to the "Mastery