

The same traveller says that he has seen these animated balls used by a little child in playing with a kitten. The game may have annoyed the bolita, but it could not have caused it any injury, because of the perfect protection afforded by its armor.

It has need of all the protection it can have, for it lives in a land where the mischievous monkey is plentiful. Anybody who has seen monkeys teasing each other, will be able to gain some idea of the torment the slow-witted armadillo must undergo as it is passed about from one to another of a party of monkeys. When *Tolyptentes* is set upon by the frolicsome monkey, however, it suddenly curls up, and is safe within itself. The baffled tormentors turn it over and over, looking in great astonishment for the tail they know must be there. If *Tolyptentes* had any sense of humor, he would certainly laugh heartily within his shell at the chattering, grinning crowd.

As the bolita, like the other armadillos, burrows in the earth, it has forefeet suitable for that work. Its toes are armed with long and hard claws, which enable it to dig with wonderful quickness. Instead of walking upon the flat part of its front feet, the bolita walks upon the tips of its toes, and in doing so looks comically dainty and mincing. At the same time it can move with considerable swiftness.

The armadillos live only in South America, and are all small in size compared to the gigantic armadillo that lived ages ago. The largest now living is not more than three feet long, while that of former ages was as large as a big dining-table.—*J. R. Coryell, in St. Nicholas for June.*

Teachers' Associations.

WEST BRUCE.—A successful meeting of the West Bruce Teachers' Association was held in the Central School, Kincardine, on the 14th and 15th of May. This Association is noted for the unflinching interest with which its meetings are sustained from year to year, but the annual meeting this year appears to have been more than ordinarily profitable. The efficient and popular inspector of West Bruce, Mr. A. Campbell, presided over the convention, and the work was rendered particularly pleasing and instructive by the valuable assistance of J. J. Tilley, I.M.S., who made a favorable impression on the members in attendance before whom he appeared for the first time. The work throughout was practical, the suggestions and methods being illustrated by the teaching of classes in attendance. Of these, one of the most interesting was that ably conducted by F. C. Powell, Principal of Model School, Kincardine, in a lesson on paraphrasing. Specially worthy of note was a paper on "Colloquial English," prepared by Honj. Freer, B.A., Principal Kincardine High School. The proceedings were enlivened by the rendering of some kindergarten songs by classes under the direction of Miss J. Thomson. Not least among the attractions were the decorations of the room; at one end was the appropriate motto, "We Meet to Learn to Teach," in evergreen, while the profusion of gracefully arranged flowers was most effective and refreshing. The meeting throughout was pronounced one of the most successful ever held in connection with the Association. On the evening of the 14th inst. Mr. J. J. Tilley delivered in the Town hall a lecture entitled "The Relation of the State to Education." The lecture was practical and pointed, and was well received. Before and after the lecture, Professor Dore, with the assistance of his choral society, favored the audience with choice selections of instrumental and vocal music.

Literary Review.

MIND IN NATURE, for June, contains a number of articles of considerable interest. Dr. R. N. Foster, the well known Chicago physician, contributes an able and suggestive article on Mind-Cure, to which he gives the very appropriate name of "Psychopathy." Dr. Foster's remarks are sensible and moderate, their gist being that there is something in Mind-cure so far as the treatment of mental affections is concerned, but physical ailments require conventional medical treatment. Amongst other papers are those by the Rev. L. P. Meren, on "Swedenborgianism," by Rev. Bishop Cox on "Chances and Mischances," by Rev. Dr. Thwing on "Mental Thera-

peutics," Prof. B. W. Piper on "Evolution," by Dr. Mary B. G. Eddy, in reply to Rev. Bishop Fallow's in the March number, etc.

THE FIRST SIX BOOKS OF THE ÆNEID with explanatory notes, by Edward Searing A.M. **THE BUCOLICS AND GEORGICS** with explanatory notes, by Hewey, Clark Johnson, A.M., LL.B., together with a complete Vocabulary. A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, and Chicago; 1885.

This splendid volume is one of the most sumptuous and fascinating editions of Virgil ever published. Its intrinsic merit, too, are of a high order. The former part of the work was issued some years ago by Prof. Searing, and met with unusual favor. Prof. Johnson's notes on the Bucolics and Georgics are fresh from the press.

The text of the Æneid is almost identical with that of Conington; that of the Bucolics and Georgics follows Wagner. The notes throughout the work (which are beneath the text) are few and brief, but clear and suggestive. Grammatical references are made in the foot-notes to the three Standard American Grammars,—Allen and Greenough's, Gilderalee's, and Harkness's. Few original renderings of moot passages are noticed, but the numberless preceding commentators of Virgil have left little room for original conjecture. The Life of Virgil is reprinted from the capitally written memoir in the Encyclopedia Britannica. The synopsis of thought that introduces the various divisions of the text are admirable. The Lexicon (pp. 204) is complete and scholarly. Dr. Taylor's famous questions on the first-thirty-three lines of the Æneid,—which have suggested to so many classical students methods of thoroughness and accuracy—have been added in an Appendix. A metrical index, a fac-simile page of Virgilian MS., and an index of grammatical references, complete this valuable contribution to school literature.

The mechanical execution of the work is simply perfect. Everything has been done that can be accomplished by the arts of the binder, the printer and the engraver. The magnificent external appearance, the finely calendered paper and clear, large type, and the numerous superb engravings, will make the student fall in love with the book at first sight. The views of the Plain of Troy of the Site of Tyre, of the Port of Drepanum, of the Cretan Ida, of Cumæ, and of Caieta, are from accurate original sketches and display almost photographic minuteness of detail. The map of Virgil's world it is almost ungracious to say is deficient in clearness, but this is only a spot on the sun.

Prof. Searing tells us: "To study the Æneid properly is to grow in intellectual strength and grace; to study it carelessly is a sheer waste of time—nay, worse, it is a sacrilege." The professor and his confrères have done all in their power to obviate such "sacrilege," by sending from their publishers' hands in such charming form the works of "the most charming of Roman writers."

THE LIBRARY MAGAZINE for June, contains no less than eighteen articles some of them of special interest. Amongst the names of well known writers represented are E. H. Plumptre, Edward A. Freeman, Mrs. Mulock-Craik, Helen Jackson (H.H.) St. George Mivart, Herbert Spencer, etc. The present issue closes Vol. V of the New Series.

THE BOOK-LOVER is a new Monthly, by the indefatigable John B. Allen, of New York. One of its aims is to give for the annual subscription price, 25 cents a year, a rich 25 cents worth of choice "Solid" literature from classic and current sources. The "Lamp of Memory," a chapter in Ruskin's "Seven Lamps of Architecture" is given in the first number. The *Book-Lover* is in form a small pamphlet containing about 21 pages, besides advertisements.

THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON is another of the "Classics for Children" series from the Publishing House of Ginn, Heath & Co. The volume is neatly bound, and paper and printing as usual, good. Of the book itself it is unnecessary to speak. Its translation into many languages and its ever fresh popularity prove it to be, as the Editor says in his Preface, "a work of genius." The aim of this volume has been to reproduce the story with such abridgment of the Natural History Department as could be made without essential loss to the whole. The translation of Mrs. H. B. Paull, translator of the works of Hans Andersen, Grimm Brothers, and other Classics, has been used as the basis.

NIGHT AND DAY for May is a memorial number in memory of the Right Hon. Earl Cairns, late Lord Chancellor, and for several years President of the Benevolent Society of which *Night and Day* is so efficient an organ. In addition to articles in memoriam, this number contains its usual quota of well selected and touching facts and incidents bearing upon the progress of Dr. Barnardo's good work.