CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

The Examination Papers of the University of Toronto for 1888. This useful book grows perceptibly larger year by year. The lists and other information usually appended duly appear.

Catalogue of the Collections in the Museums of the University of North Dakota. Prepared by Professor Henry Montgomery, M.A., B. Sc., Ph. B.

Orthoëpy Made Easy. By M. W. Hall. (Syracuse : C. W. Bardeen.) A series of thirty-eight exercises on the pronunciation of difficult words, each exercise having a key printed on the opposite page.

Primary Writing. By Mara L. Pratt. (Boston : Eastern Educational Bureau). The little pamphlet bearing this title contains a description of an ingenious, sensible, interesting way of teaching writing to little children.

Macbeth. (London : Moffatt & Paige.) We can but repeat the favourable opinion formerly expressed of the annotated editions of Shakespeare's works published by this firm. They are good : it would be difficult to improve them.

What is Political Science ? By Professor W. J. Ashley, M.A. (Toronto : Rowsell & Hutchison.) We are glad to see that Professor Ashley's inaugural lecture delivered at the opening of the present college year has been reprinted. Many of our readers will doubtless be glad to have an opportunity of reading and thinking over it.

Moffatt's Deductions. (London : Moffatt and Page.) A collection of exercises on the first six books of Euclid is here given, all fully worked out. A sufficient number of easy deductions on the first book is supplied and the exercises are carefully graduated. We have no doubt that many teachers will find it extremely useful.

Allen and Greenough's Latin Grammar. (Boston : Ginn & Co.) A revised edition of the *Latin Grammar*, improved and enlarged, has just been published. The number of

examples has been increased, and we are sure that the revised edition will meet with the same success that former editions merited and have already received.

The Argument for Manual Training. By President Butler. (New York and Chicago : E. L. Kellogg & Co.) At the meeting of the American Institute of Instruction last year at Newport, Rhode Island, President Butler presented the subject of manual training in a paper which is here reprinted as the eleventh number of Messrs. Kellogg's Teachers' Manuals Series. The paper is a valuable and timely one.

MR. D. B. READ, Q.C., of this city, is to be congratulated upon the appearance of *The Lives of the Judges of Upper Canada and Ontario.* He has performed his arduous, though pleasing task, in a manner highly creditable to him, and the book will doubtless fill no unimportant place among works of Canadian biography. Ontario has reason to be proud of and thankful for the integrity and ability that have characterized her judges.

Elements of Plane Analytic Geometry. By Prof. Runkle, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. (Boston : Ginn & Co.) The author has prepared this elaborate text-book with special reference to the studies and requirements of the students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, by whom a large part of the book has already been used for some time. The elementary part of the work is presented in a full and satisfactory manner, and the concluding chapters on "Systems of Conics," etc., founded on the "Elementary Treatise on Conic Sections" of Mr. Charles Smith, of Cambridge, will be found equally valuable.

A Course of Easy Arithmetical Examples for Beginners. By J. G. Bradshaw, B.A., Assistant Master at Clifton College. (London and New York : Macmillan & Co.) The ordinary text-books and collections of arithmetical examples do not all provide a