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THE NATURE STUDY COURSE. By John Dearness, M. A., Vice-principal, London, Ont., Normal School. Cloth. Pages 206. Price 60 cents. The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto.

This book is admirable for its suggestiveness and the manner of leading up to the many varieties of topics connected with nature study. The teacher who will give it a careful study and adapt its methods to his own needs cannot fail to be successful and produce a large measure of interest in the school. The plans of nature work in the schools of Nova Scotia, Ontario and Manitoba are quite fully drawn upon for material and illustrations, and the strong features of each course are fully emphasized. The author has appreciated the many difficulties in the path of the nature study teacher, and has given practical aid towards surmounting them.

'MID THE THICK ARROWS. By Max Pemberton. Cloth. Pages 395. Price \$1.50. Copp, Clark Co., Toronto.

A story in which there is plenty of action, no lack of intrigue, and a plot that is very skilfully woven.

Geo. N. Morang & Company, Toronto, are the Canadian agents of a series of beautiful little pocket editions of English and American classics published by the Macmillan Company, New York. These are octavo volumes, prettily bound in red cloth, with the titles in white on the back and on the front cover. They are sold at the low rate of twenty-five cents each. We have received three volumes—Andersen's *Fairy Tales*, Longfellow's *Hiawatha*, and Hawthorne's *House of the Seven Gables*. The two latter are adorned with neat vignette portraits of the authors, and all are edited for use in elementary and secondary schools, with introductions and notes.

From the same publishers, Morang & Co., Toronto, a copy of Chancellor's Graded City Speller has been received, price 12 cents. It is adapted for seventh grade students, and is a useful little work, combining derivation, word-building and quotations of literary value and interest in a very admirable way.

NATURE LESSONS FOR PRIMARY GRADES. By Miss Lida B. McMurry. Cloth. Pages 191. Price 60 cents. New York: the Macmillan Company; London, Macmillan Company; Toronto, Geo. N. Morang & Company.

This book leads easily and naturally into the study of animal and plant life from objects, most of which are easily accessible to the children of every locality in Canada and the United States. About three-fourths of the book is taken up with subjects of the animal kingdom, many of which are household pets. The author's treatment of these will not only prove of great interest to young children, but lead them to be definite in observation, and kind and considerate to animals. The plentiful sprinkling of explanatory parenthetical notes throughout the text is suggestive, if not too liberal in the way of "helps."

From the same publishers (the Macmillans and Morang) there have been received *A Special Method in Language*, (cloth, pages 192, price 70 cents), covering the first eight grades of school work, designed to link closely with language all other exercises of the school to form a broad and simple treatment of the subject; and *A Special Method in Arithmetic* (cloth, pages 225, price 75 cents), the plan of which is to outline to elementary teachers the

purpose of teaching arithmetic, and to show its relation to other subjects in the course. The author of both works is Chas. A. McMurry, Ph. D.

OBJECT LESSONS IN ELEMENTARY SCIENCE. Stage VI. By Vincent T. Murché. Cloth. Pages 325. Price 2s. Macmillan & Co., London.

This book is divided into four parts, the first treating, in a simple illustrative way, of the mechanical powers; the second of the ordinary chemical processes; the third of the structure and functions of the chief organs of the human body; and the fourth of the geographical distribution of certain plants and animals, their use to man, and the trade and commerce arising from them. The arrangement in this stage, as in the previous ones, is clear and methodical, no step being left unexplained.

PRACTICAL EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCE. By W. Mayhew Heller, B. Sc. (Lond.), and Edwin G. Ingold. Cloth. Pages 220. Price 2s. 6d. Blackie & Son, London.

In this book we have the principles of scientific teaching very carefully illustrated; and the author places special stress on the importance of laying a foundation of real knowledge on which future progress may be securely built. To this end he weighs carefully the results of observation and experiment, the sifting of information from many sources, and the gathering of experience by skilfully directed methods. The measurement of length, area, volume, mass; of the weight and pressure of air; of temperature, expansion and kindred topics, are very fully treated, with abundant illustrations.

In "Blackie's English School Texts," edited by W. A. D. Rouse, Litt. D., there have been issued Charles Lamb's "Adventures of Ulysses" and "Sinbad the Sailor." Each is accompanied with a brief introduction, the pages are clear and in large type, which is a pleasure to the eye. Price 8d. each. Published by Blackie & Son, London.

In "Blackie's Little French Classic Series," Blackie & Son, London, there are two neat little pocket volumes, containing an introduction, notes and vocabulary, price 6d. each, Alexander Dumas's "*Jacomo ou le Brigand*," one of the rare short stories of that gifted author; and *Mateo Falcone*, which Walter Pater pronounces "the cruellest story ever written," by Prosper Mérimée.

In "Blackie's Latin Texts" there is begun a new series designed for students in the first two or three years study of Latin. Each volume, the first being *Eutropius*, price 8d., has a short introduction dealing with the author's life and works. A useful feature in the text is the marking of all vowels long by nature.

Other texts from Blackie & Son are Longfellow's "*Hiawatha*," with copious notes and vocabulary, price 1s.; "Story Book Readers," fourth series, price 4d., containing Miss Cuthell's interesting story of a seaman's little boy and his adventures; "School Recitations," for senior pupils, price 1d., with standard poems by the best authors.

PRIMARY READERS. By Katharine E. Sloan. No. 1, pages 151, price 25 cents; No. 2, pages 174, price 30 cents. The Macmillan Company, New York; Geo. N. Morang & Co., Toronto.

The aim of these primary readers is to teach children to read with the least labor and in the shortest time. The phonic method is the means used to secure this end, but the lessons are so arranged that the word or sentence