

LOURETTE, OU LE CACHET ROUGE, edited, with introduction and notes, by Professor Alcée Fortier, of the University of Louisiana. This, as the latest of the books for French translation in the Messrs. D. C. Heath's *Modern Language Series*, sustains the excellent character of these text-books, which is about the highest recommendation that can be bestowed upon it.

THE NEW PROGRESSIVE FRENCH READER, edited by the Messrs. Gregor and Curtis, of the Montreal High School, and published by William Drysdale & Co., Montreal. The editors of this new reader for our province have done their work well, and no one who takes up the book will fail to observe its greatest virtue—namely, the easy gradation of the pieces to be translated. Yet this is by no means all that has been done. The notes have been judiciously inserted, while the blending of the amusement to be derived from the perusal of the various selections, with the labor of translation, is sure to influence the pupil, according to the true natural method, to take an interest in the niceties of translation, which is so often a difficulty when other text-books are used. We are glad to learn that the book has been so well received by our teachers.

OLD MORTALITY, by Sir Walter Scott, and published by the Messrs. Ginn & Co., Boston, U.S.A. The problem, "What shall our Children Read," the above enterprising firm is trying to solve in a practical manner, and "Old Mortality," in the serviceable form in which it has been published and edited by D. H. M., will, we are sure, be welcomed both by young and old. The print is clear and large, the binding strong and durable, while the notes will prove of the greatest service to those who are not very familiar with local phraseology found in nearly every page. Coming as it does with the second and third volume of *Open Sesame*, so ably edited by the Misses Bellamy and Goodwin, and published by the same firm, it shows what can be done to lead children away from the trashy story-book, to the best and most interesting selections from our literature. We cannot but heartily wish such enterprise the widest success. Not only our school libraries, but our homes, should be provided with copies of *Open Sesame*.

BUSINESS TIPS, a mercantile dictionary containing explanations of Technical Terms, Business Forms and Office Work, compiled by Mr. Alec Thomson, of the Montreal High School, and published by Messrs. William Drysdale & Co., Montreal. This book may certainly be looked upon as a new departure in the methods of approaching the study of book-keeping. The book contains all that need be taught of book-keeping in the school, and yet the accountant himself will find it useful. There has always existed a prejudice against the study of book-keeping in the minds of some of our teachers otherwise engrossed with the classes in Classics, mathematics, etc., but we think Mr. Thomson has proved that the study may be undertaken with profit even by the pupils who do not expect to be the merchants of the