

nures and Manuring" is divided into three parts: I.—Historical Introduction; II.—Principles of Manuring; III.—Manures. There are also a number of appendices, statistical and other, one of the most important being an account of the celebrated Rothamsted experiments.

It will be seen that these books are of value to many Canadians, and we heartily commend them to all our readers who may have any interest either in farming or chemistry. The general reader will also find a large part of both books interesting. A good index is added to both volumes.

An exceedingly useful book to students beginning microscopic work is that on "Practical Methods in Microscopy," by Principal Clark of Sanborn Seminary. (Boston: D. C. Heath & Co.) It is often the case that textbooks in science assume much that the student has never had an opportunity of acquiring, but must make out as best he can, in regard to the best way of using his instrument, preparing his work, etc. We therefore think this book is sure of a cordial reception. The figures, plates, printing, etc., are excellent, and there is an index.

A late volume (and an excellent one) of the Athenæum Press Series is a "Selection from the Essays of Francis, Lord Jeffrey." (Boston: Ginn & Co.) The editor, Professor Lewis E. Gates of Harvard, has discharged his duty with care and skill. The Selections include the essays on "The Dramatic Works of John Ford," "Hazlitt's Characters of Shakespeare's Plays," "The Lady of the Lake," "Crabbe's Poems," "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage," and others.

Macmillan's School Library. The Story of the Odyssey. By A. J. Church, M.A. New York: Macmillan & Co. We could wish that

all children's books were printed in such beautiful type as this. The volumes of the School Library are very suitable for Supplementary Reading in Schools, and the present number is a skilful condensation of Homer's wonderful story, such as any intelligent pupil would find interesting.

"The Stickit Minister and Some Common Men," by S. R. Crockett, a collection of Scotch stories, probably known to many of our readers, has just been published by William Briggs, Toronto. The author's style somewhat resembles Barrie's, and the book would do anybody good. Let anybody read "The Rev. John Smith, of Arkland, prepares his Sermon," for instance.

A work on rhetorical analysis is needed at present and our readers will find a little book by Mr. Williams, Principal of the Collingwood Collegiate Institute, of assistance in this subject. It takes up the work for 1894 and contains many hints and exercises. (Collingwood: D. Williams.)

Messrs. D. C. Heath & Co. issue this month Prosper Merrimée's "Chronique du Regne de Charles IX." and Del Testa's *L'Oro e l'Orpello*, both well edited and annotated.

Messrs. Ginn & Co. have published an examination manual prepared by G. A. Wentworth and G. A. Hill, on "Plane Geometry." It is intended as an aid to students in handling original problems and to supply useful text-papers for teachers, and is an excellent manual for the purpose.

"A Brave Baby" is the name of a collection of stories by Sara E. Wiltse, originally published in different papers and magazines, and especially suitable for the reading of school children. (Ginn & Co.)