

Sociology.

Blakey (Leonard Stott), THE SALE OF LIQUOR IN THE SOUTH, "Studies in History, Economics, and Public Law,"
New York, Columbia Univ.;
London, Longmans

This inquiry into the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Southern commonwealths resolves itself into several questions, for which the author endeavours to find an answer. He first discusses the reason why these commonwealths have abandoned the saloon as a distributing agency over so great an extent of their territory, and the question whether the dispensary has eliminated the difficulties experienced with the saloon. Other points which he examines in some detail are the likelihood of the South allowing the enforcement of local and State laws to be hindered by Federal law, and, finally, the probability of the presence of the negro in the South having brought about State prohibition.

Matthews (Lillian Ruth), WOMEN IN TRADE UNIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO, "University of California Publications in Economics,"
Berkeley, University of California

An exhaustive survey of the women's trade-unions in San Francisco, affecting a number of various trades. "Trade organizations are the most effective conductors of the opinions of labor to the rest of Society," says the author, and the present survey is an attempt to discover what women workers believe and have been able to accomplish for themselves. The earliest record of organization among such workers in San Francisco, it may be noted, is found on February 24th, 1888, when the "Ladies' Assembly 5855, Knights of Labor," met and discussed "the helpless condition of the unorganized girls and women."

Education.

Weimer (Dr. Hermann), THE WAY TO THE HEART, Authorized Translation by J. Remsen Bishop and Adolf Niederpruem,
2/6 net. Macmillan

A translated edition, prepared for American readers, of a work which has already achieved considerable success in Germany in its original form. The book is certainly one that should be read by teachers of children, and, indeed, by all who are in any way responsible for a child's upbringing. We cannot unreservedly agree with all Dr. Weimer's contentions, nor, needless to say, are all of his ideals capable of immediate fulfilment. But they point the way to a better understanding between teacher and child, which cannot fail to be of lasting benefit to both.

Philology.

Bovet (F. F.), GERMAN CONVERSATION FOR ENGLISH TRAVELLERS, 6d. net. Cassell
On similar lines to the same publishers' "French Conversation for English Travellers." It contains a number of phrases arranged under headings to suit various contingencies, the whole being a decided improvement on the vocabularies of earlier days.

Skeat (the late Walter W.), THE PLACE-NAMES OF SUFFOLK, 5/ net.
Cambridge, Antiquarian Soc.;
London, Bell

The Cambridge Antiquarian Society has already published ten volumes dealing with the place-names of various counties, the present one making the eleventh. Unfortunately, Prof. Skeat's death occurred before the proof-sheets could be submitted to him, and the work is therefore published as he left it. The place-names are arranged in alphabetical order, according to the

suffixes which they contain; by this means much useless repetition is avoided. The work is a good example of the Professor's erudition. Many will miss his vigorous exposure of popular fables in philology.

S.P.C.K.:

ENGLISH-NYANJA VOCABULARY, OR A COMPANION TO THE NYANJA-ENGLISH VOCABULARY, enlarged and revised by the Rev. Herbert Barnes, 1/6

OGU AMA-OKWU ISE, EWEPUTARA N'AKWUKWO Nso NKE CHINEKE N'ASUSU IBO (The Hundred Texts in the Ibo Language), 2d.

OGU AMA-OKWU ISE, EWEPUTALU N'AKWUKWO Nso NKE CHUKU N'ASUSU IBO (The Hundred Texts in the Ibo Language adapted for Onitsha), 2d.

ENYIMBA EZOKUTENDEREZA KATONDA, AWAMU NAMALOBOZI (Hymns in Luganda, with Music), 2/6

The Vocabulary is intended for use with the Nyanja-English Vocabulary, to which frequent reference is made. A few words which were not in that Vocabulary have been added in the present one. The accompanying pamphlets are translations of the hundred texts in the Ibo language, in one case adapted for Onitsha.

Many copyright tunes are included by permission in the book of hymns in Luganda.

University of Virginia, BULLETIN OF THE SCHOOL OF LATIN: THE LITERARY SATURNIAN: Part I. LIVIUS ANDRONICUS; Part II. NÆVIUS and the LATER ITALIC TRADITION, by Thomas Fitzhugh, \$2 each.

Charlottesville, Va., Anderson Bros.

The author in these two volumes follows up his contributions to the history of Italic-Romanic rhythm and its extension to include the accent and rhythm of the Celtic race, by examining in detail the successive literary phases of the Italic-Keltic Tripudium, the first of which is the Saturnian of Livius Andronicus and Nævius. He traces this process of evolution through four main stages, and concludes with a consideration of the later Italic tradition.

School-Books.

Aus Bismarcks Familienbriefen, edited, with Notes and Vocabulary, by Alfred Oswald, "Blackie's German Texts," 6d.

This selection of letters written by Bismarck to his family and relations throws a new and somewhat surprising light on the personality of the Iron Chancellor, and one that differs considerably from the general conception of him. It forms, therefore, an interesting text, which is supplemented by some sensible notes and a vocabulary.

Balzac, LE RÉQUISITIONNAIRE, AND EL VERDUGO, edited by C. W. Bell, "Blackie's Little French Classics," 4d.

These two stories of Balzac's, which belong to his "Études philosophiques," are full of dramatic movement, and though, perhaps, a little overloaded with pathos for the average English schoolboy, should make good reading texts. They provide, moreover, excellent examples of Balzac's style and thought. There are notes, but no vocabulary.

Chambers's Practical Concentric Arithmetics, by a Head Teacher, edited by W. Woodburn: Book III., 3d.

Another book in this series, which we have already noticed in these columns, one of its main principles being that "things come before figures."

Siepmann's French Series, Elementary: DE LA TERRE À LA LUNE, par Jules Verne, adapted and edited by Eugène Pellissier, 2/; KEY TO APPENDICES OF SAME, 2/6 net; and WORD-AND-PHRASE-BOOK FOR SAME, 6d., both by the General Editors of the Series.

Macmillan

This excellent story should be attractive for school use. It contains a vocabulary and notes, also appendixes with words, phrases, and exercises for retranslation. Keys to the appendixes are provided, separately bound, for the use of teachers.

Wright (R. W.), IRREGULAR FRENCH VERBS, arranged according to their Importance in Everyday Use, 1/4 Longmans

The author has conceived the idea of arranging the irregular verbs, not alphabetically as they are usually printed, but in an order which is based on the frequency of their occurrence and use in translation and composition. Thus verbs like, "faire," "venir," "aller," "dire," &c., precede less common ones like "abattre," "absoudre," &c. Particular idioms in which these verbs are used are given in each case, but it is recommended that these should be reserved for later revision, and not learnt when the verb is being attacked for the first time. The arrangement of the book seems to us eminently sensible, and well worth a trial by teachers.

Fiction.

Anderson (Thistle), LONELY LIVES: BEING TEN TRUE TALES, 1/ net.

Knapp & Drewett

The ten short stories of which this volume consists are mostly based on illicit love. The writer, however, handles an unpleasant subject with delicacy, and the result is pathos instead of the sensationalism usual in such tales. With regard to 'Told in a Tempest,' we would point out that a blind man could not reasonably be expected to be affected by a picture.

Brown (Alice), VANISHING POINTS, 6/

Constable

Sixteen painstaking short stories by an American writer which we find unattractive. The best of them is one about a dog, called 'The Story of Abe.'

Comfort (Will Levington), THE ROAD OF LIVING MEN, 6/ Lippincott

An unusual kind of love-story. The scene is laid in China and both Americas; as secondary interests we are treated to episodes in the Boxer rising and an improbable buccaneering expedition in South America. The two most interesting characters are a philosophic Chinaman and an American "remittance-man"; the hero and heroine have peculiar ideas as to love and matrimony, and the main reason why they do not get married in the course of the first few chapters seems to be that this would remove the foundation of the book. It is, however, worth reading, if only for its originality.

Crockett (S. R.), SANDY'S LOVE AFFAIR, 6/

Hutchinson

A pleasing story of a versatile young Scotchman who, armed only with an Edinburgh degree and an invigorating personality, comes to London, and with the assistance of a Miss V. V. Jones, who subsequently becomes his wife, makes his name as an author and a business man. The three leading characters are all attractive in their different ways, the delightful inconsequence of McComie acting as a foil to the more sober charms of V. V. and Sandy.