

the family and usually the genera of any of our northern birds."

As it attempts to trace them all to the *species*, I think the notice should say so, and, if it is a failure in that attempt, say that also, and not lead readers to think I would write a book to enable a hunter to find out merely that the bird he shot is a snipe rather than a duck.

AUSTIN C. APGAR.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 27, 1893.

BOOK-REVIEWS.

The Science of Education, Its General Principles Deduced from Its Aim, and The Aesthetic Revelation of the World. By JOHANN FRIEDRICH HEBART. Translated from the German with a Biographical Introduction by Henry M. and Emmie Felkin and a Preface by Oscar Browning, M. A. Boston, D. C. Heath & Co. 268 p., 1893.

PROBABLY no feature of our intellectual culture and of our advancement in higher education is so significant as the growing library of pedagogics in this country. For a number of years this department of thought has been sadly neglected with us, while abroad it has long received due attention as a most important factor in philosophic progress. Particularly with the German thinkers has this subject proved most fruitful, but, unfortunately, the peculiar difficulties of philosophical German have limited the English-speaking readers of these works to a favored few who, maybe, from residence abroad have acquired that thorough knowledge of the language necessary. Mr. and Mrs. Felkin have certainly then earned the applause of all teachers and thinkers by their careful and conscientious translation of these most valuable works of Hebart. Hebart himself is known by little more than name in this country, though some may recall him as a former professor at Göttingen, whose works on psychology and education are of great value; and yet as a metaphysician, psychologist, philosopher and teacher few men are deserving of so much careful study.

In the introduction to the present work we have a

charming biographical sketch of the author, revealing in its carefully selected details glimpses of the inner man and offering a series of pen pictures of great value and assistance to the proper appreciation of the discussion which follows. Through his childhood, at Jena, at Bremen, at Göttingen, at Königsberg, we follow the author in his development, if development it can be called, when from their inception his theories seem to be those of mature growth and profound contemplation. Following this entertaining sketch the translators have given a review of Hebart's philosophy, together with a synopsis of the two works which follow and form the principal portion of the book. The review has evidently been written from a thorough acquaintance with Hebart's writings and is an additional aid to our understanding of his principles. "The whole aim of education, according to Hebart, is contained in the one word, morality. Its whole work is to form a character which in the battle of life shall stand unmoved, not through the strength of its internal action, but on the firm and enduring foundation of its moral insight and enlightened will." "Proceeding from morality as the highest aim of humanity, and consequently of education, the essence of formation of character is defined as 'a making' which the pupil himself discovers when choosing the good and rejecting the bad. This rise in self-conscious personality must take place in the mind of the pupil himself, and be perfected by his own exertion. To place the power already existent, and in its nature trustworthy, in the midst of such conditions that it must *infallibly* effect this rise, is what the teacher must conceive as possible—while he must consider the great work of all his efforts is to reach, understand and guide that power."

Industrie des Cuirs et des Peaux, Analyse des Matières Premières, des Agents Auxiliaires et des Products. Par FERDINAND JEAN. Paris, Gauthier-Villars et Fils. 195 p., 1893.

Fabrication des Vernis, Application à l'Industrie et aux Arts. Par LAURENT NAUDIN. Paris, Gauthier-Villars et Fils. 200 p., 1893.

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Decoration Céramique au Feu de Moufle. Par M. E. GUENEZ. Paris, Gauthier-Villars et Fils, Quai des Grands-Augustines, 55. 199 p., 1893.

We have already noticed in these columns previous numbers of the *Encyclopédie Scientifique*, of which these present volumes form a recent addition, and further remarks on the general excellence of the plan adopted would be unnecessary. The detailed but concise descriptions of the individual arts and sciences, with separate volumes, each devoted to some particular speciality or division of the whole, and each complete in itself, is an undertaking sufficiently vast to make a doubt as to its success perfectly natural. But under the directorship of M. Leanté, Membre de l'Institut, and of M. Masson, editor, this success has certainly been attained, and we are presented with a series of works each superior in its particular field, and of value to a specialist as well as to the general reader. The first volume, treating of the tanning industry, naturally appeals most strongly to the manufacturer and to the chemist. The discussion consists, in brief, of the study of the crude materials and the chemical products which are introduced, of the theory of the successive operations of manufacture and their practical manipulation. Methods of analysis are also given, and in such a manner as to be intelligible to the manufacturer as well as to his chemist.

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