his author's works, but has confined himself in the main to thoughts on moral topics, such as study, society and solitude, friendship, and others of the like nature; and in this we think he has done wisely, for such ethical sayings are the most likely to do good. We cannot say, however, that we find much depth or originality in Thoraeu's thinking, and we doubt if he has had much real influence even over his admirers.

A neat and useful pocket manual for army officers is "Notes on Military Hygiene," by Lieut.-Col. Alfred A. Woodhall, which has recently been published by James C. ABBOTT, C. C. BALL, AND S. SHEPHERD, MusicK, 278. The volume contains what may be called the essence of a series of lectures on military hygiene, delivered by the author at the Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth. Though originally prepared for the convenience of students, the work will no doubt prove acceptable to officers of the line generally. Among the topics discussed are the selection of soldiers, military clothing, food, habitations, camps and marches, sewers and waste, water, and preventable diseases.

Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin, & Co. have just issued another volume (Vol. 34) of their Modern Classics,—a series which Dr. William T. Harris, United States commissioner of education, has called an "unrivalled list of excellent works." This new volume, entitled "Thackeray's Lighter Hours," contains "Dr. Birch and his Friends," "The Cheese and the Wax," "Selections from the Book of Southampton," "Roundabout Papers," and "The Curate's Walk." Modern Classics has a very extensive sale as a school library, for which it is well suited, as it contains many of the best complete stories, essays, sketches, and poems in modern literature, including selections from the celebrated authors of England and America, and translations of masterpieces by continental writers.

"William M. Goldthwaite, New York, has published a "Driving Road" chart of the Country surrounding New York City," this chart covers every place within twenty miles radius of the City Hall, and in parts extends out nearly forty. This map will be specially useful to all living in or near the city, or contemplating removing to it.

—Herbert Ward, in the preface to his "Five Years with the Congo Cannibals," tells his story of the rear-guard of the Stanley expedition for the relief of Emin Pacha. The trials of those left behind by Mr. Stanley when he pushed forward, the fate of Major Bartlett and Mr. Jameson, and Mr. Ward's own part in the transactions of that fascinating period, form an interesting chapter in the history of Mr. Stanley's great enterprise.

—A map of the valley of Virginia, showing the location of all the industrial towns, battle fields, mountain-passes, and Luray caverns (10 cents), is published by Alex Y. Lee, C. E., Luray, Va.