

Literary Notes

.... Crowell & Co. have just issued in three volumes an attractive little edition of Jefferies' best known collections of essays, *The Life of the Fields*, *Nature near London*, and *The Open Air*. Each volume is preceded by an introduction by Thomas Coke Watkins. It is well known that Jefferies' genius was first appreciated in America, and he should still have enough admirers to make these volumes acceptable.

.... The volume bearing the title "Thanksgiving," which Robert Haven Schauffler has edited, in view of the near approach of this American holiday with which it is concerned, is very timely. Prose and verse selections, judiciously gathered from many sources, makes the book particularly pertinent just now. The literature of Thanksgiving Day is given in condensed form, and a short history of the institution, its purpose, significance, and accomplishment in our national life, in Mr. Schauffler's introduction, pleasingly rounds out the book. (Moffat, Yard, \$1.00.)

.... *Microscopy, the Construction, Theory and Use of the Microscope*, by Edmund J. Spitta, is a new and comprehensive volume on the technique of that instrument, its construction and the theory of optics as applied to the microscope. It differs essentially from "Carpenter on the Microscope," which has long been considered as standard, in that Spitta has nothing to say regarding microscopic objects. He concerns himself entirely with the instrument as a medium. The present volume considers for the first time metallurgical microscopes and illustrates the most recent types. The chapter entitled "Hints to Workers," is exceedingly intelligent and valuable. Advanced students in microscopy will find the present volume extremely helpful. (Dutton, \$6.00.)

.... A book to catch up now and then for a fragment of fresh and vital religious thought is the Rev. Artemas Jean Haynes's *Social and Religious Ideals* (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.00). Mr. Haynes is pastor of the United Church on the Green, New Haven, Conn., and dedicates his book to Dr. Munger. He writes for those who are unsettled in religious belief, confesses allegiance to the newer views in both science and Biblical criticism, and seeks to contribute an item here and there to a "New Theology," which shall at the same time fearlessly admit all truth and be reverently humble before God. The book is composed of paragraphs, few over a page in length, and some of the headings are especially happy, compelling attention and containing in themselves suggestive thought.