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THE strong conflict of opinion on the merits of the arrangement by which the London School Board has maintained a central Store Department for the purchase and issue to its schools of all books, stationery, and other matériel, will be fresh in the memory of our readers, and the report of the Committee appointed by the Board to consider the subject will therefore have a very general interest. The instruction to the School Management Committee was contained in a resolution of the Board passed on the 8th of March last, requesting it to report 'as to the desirability of maintaining the Store Department as at present constituted, and also as to the practicability of removing it to other premises;' while the Works Committee was desired to report whether removal would be less costly than the enlargement of the existing premises. In their report the Committee recite the history of the several plans adopted for the supply of books and matériel to the Board Schools. In the



infancy of the Board, when its schools were few in number, the managers or teachers made requisitions for what they needed, and the goods were supplied from various booksellers and manufacturers, sometimes on the order of the managers and teachers themselves, and sometimes on the order of the inspector. In 1873 a new departure was made, and an arrange. ment was entered into with Messrs. Hamilton, Adams, & Co. for the supply of books, stationery, and small apparatus, only a few exceptional items being still obtained direct from the publishers or manufacturers. The terms of supply as arranged with Messrs. Hamilton, Adams, & Co., were that the books (excepting Bibles) should be furnished at a discount of 30 per cent., and all other articles upon the requisition list at certain nett prices which had been agreed upon for the several articles. In June, 1874, the School Management Committee reconsidered this arrangement, and recommended the Board to give notice to Messrs. Hamilton, Adams, & Co. that the contract would terminate at Christmas, and to establish a store of their own. The grounds on which this recommendation was made were (1) that it would promote economy by enabling the Board to enter into direct negotiations with the various publishers and manufacturers, and so obtain their goods on better terms; and that they would thereby dispense with the payment of profit to an intermediate agent. the goods would be supplied with greater expedition to the schools, there being no necessity to send an order through a third party, and the goods being always on stock in the store department ready for delivery. (3) That the Board would be able more satisfactorily to check the quality of the goods supplied. This arrangement being approved, the store was opened, and everything except the needlework materiel, which was not included in the store until 1878, was henceforward supplied by the Store Department at first from the old offices of the Board in New Bridge Street, and from 1876 from premises at the rear of the Board offices. The next step which the Board took was to undertake its own carrying by vans and horses. In course of time additional work was thrown on the Store Department in the shape of receiving all parcels sent to the Board; arranging details as to the circulation of lending libraries from school to school; examining the reports of stock-takers; conducting negotiations with the manufacturers of books and apparatus for the blind and of kindergarten apparatus; the distribution of rewards and certificates; the supply of drawing and scientific apparatus; and sundry other matters. Coming to their report as to the working of the Store Department, the Committee affirm that it led to a reduction of outlay, as they obtained their goods on better terms than they secured from Messrs. Hamilton, Adams, & Co., and they add—and this is a point which will have a material interest for many readers of the Publishers' Circular—'Not only have the Board obtained the best wholesale terms, but in many cases they have been able to obtain terms which the wholesale houses themselves would not have been able to obtain.' After explaining the mode on which the goods were charged to the different schools and the cost to the School Board of the working of the Store Department (this latter item being in the year ended Lady Day, 1882, a sum of £4,500, of which only £2,500 was for the actual cost of purchasing and supplying school matériel and needlework), the Committee state that the price paid by the Board for goods supplied has shown a continual decrease as compared with that which would have been paid under the old arrangement with Messrs. Hamilton, Adams, & Co.

The Committee next deal with the question whether it might not be possible to obtain even better terms than those secured by the Board, and to form an opinion on this point they invited 182 firms to furnish estimates on two suppositions, first, that the contracting firms would buy and supply the schools direct, and second, that the Board would continue to buy and pay for the goods themselves, the contracting firm merely undertaking to collect, stamp, and distribute. The comparison made by the Committee between the estimates of their own department and those of Messrs. Hamilton, Adams, & Co., T. Laurie, the London Scholastic Trading Co., J. Heywood, the Home and Colonial School Society, and W. Shepherd, showed a nett difference on the whole in favour of the Board's Store Department, under the first supposition (that the contracting firms would buy and supply the schools direct) of £2,585. The nett result of the Committee's deliberations is a recommendation that the Board should continue to supply the schools through its own Store Department, and that the removal of the department is undesirable; and they add that a small Sub-Committee has been appointed to confer with the Store and Books Sub-Committee as to certain possible reforms in administration.

The Committee add to their report an analysis of the replies of the firms who declined to tender, viz.: Messrs. Blackie & Sons; Chapman and Hall; William Collins, Sons, & Co.; Alex. Cowan & Sons; Gall & Inglis; George M. Hammer & Co; Hachette & Co.; King, Sons, & Whitaker; James Parkes & Sons; George Routledge & Sons; George Rowney & Co.; E. Stanford; Trübner & Co.; Marcus Ward & Co.; Frederick Warne & Co. Of these firms Messrs. Gall & Inglis and Messrs. King, Sons, Whitaker, & Co., simply decline to tender. Messrs. Chapman & Hall, William Collins, Sons, & Co., Hachette & Co., and Frederick Warne & Co. deprecate a departure from the present system, because it would give a monopoly to some particular firm. Messrs. Chapman & Hall, Hachette & Co., George Routledge & Sons, E. Stanford, and Frederick Warne, give a distinct approval to the existing plan. Messrs. Blackie & Sons, George Routledge & Sons, and Frederick Warne & Co., point out that they are publishers solely, and do not sell the books of other firms,

and hence could not contract for the general supply. Messrs. Alex. Cowan & Sons believe that the suggested mode of tendering would enhance the cost of the articles required, and several firms assert that they already supply the Board at the lowest possible cost; while Messrs. Warne & Co. add that they now supply the Board at a cheaper rate than they would if the supply passed into other channels. Messrs. Trübner & Co. suggest that firms anxious to obtain the contract, but ignorant of the amount of work which would be involved in carrying it out, would probably tender at a lower rate than it is possible to accomplish the work for. Messrs. Marcus Ward & Co. argue that 'no contractor could buy on as good terms as the Board, and he would find it difficult to carry out a contract that would effect a saving to the ratepayers, be satisfactory to the Board, and profitable to himself; and that if the contractor were also a publisher of books used largely in the Board's schools, he might rely on his profits from those books, but such contractor would be very jealously regarded by other publishers, and they feel sure that in the end the result would be to the disadvantage of the public.' To somewhat the same effect Messrs. George Routledge & Sons say 'that they could not continue their very low special rates unless they supplied the Board direct, and urge that an agency would be placed in a position to bring forward its own manufactures, rather than those best adapted to the Board's use; and that by the present system the Board, buying direct from publishers and manufacturers, can purchase much more cheaply than through a "middleman," who would of course expect to make a profit.' Among the reasons given by Messrs. Trübner for declining to tender is the following: 'Because they have reasons for supposing that some of the public societies supported by voluntary contributions now consider it within their legitimate business to do such work at probably cost price, without charging anything for working expenses, such as rent, taxes, salaries, &c.' Several of the firms add the belief that any system of contract would lead to deterioration in the quality of the goods supplied, and hence would not conduce to a lasting economy. It would seem, therefore, that among these firms there is a consensus in favour of the present system, although of course they offer no opinion whether that system is carried out by the Board in the best and most economical way and in the true interests of the schools and of the ratepayers. At the meeting of the Board on Thursday the report was presented, but the discussion upon it was postponed.

The presence of the Duke of Albany in the chair at the anniversary festival of the Printers' Pension Corporation not only attracted many eminent men and materially promoted the financial success of the gathering but it also served to bring the claims of the institution, for which his Royal Highness so forcibly pleaded, prominently before the public in the newspapers of the day following the dinner. Viewed from this point, the success of the festival must be measured not only by the liberal response to the Royal Chairman's request for aid—although this added to the fund a sum of more than £1,200—but by the probability of a permanent addition to the income in the form of new annual subscriptions. It is quite true, as the Duke pointed out, that charitably disposed people have innumerable calls upon their purses, but it is precisely because, with this fact before him, His Royal Highness felt it to be his duty to commend the Fund as specially worthy of support that his advocacy is so valuable: One of the main difficulties in the way of the promoters of such a Fund as this lies in the fact that they have no sensational elements to introduce into their announcements, and hence that from the by no means inconsiderable section of the almsgiving public which requires to have its feelings excited before it opens its purse-strings, they have but little chance of gaining sympathy. The Printers' Pension Fund works so quietly, its aims are so simple, and its life is, comparatively speaking, so uneventful, that it can never hope to stand on the same basis in its appeals which is occupied by a great hospital or even by an ordinary asylum for widows and orphans, while the fact that it is a class institution open only to the members of a particular trade again narrows its chances of securing general pecuniary aid. While, however, all this is true, there is an obvious ground on which the Fund can ask for wider support, and it lies in the universality of the benefit conferred by the printing press, and consequently by all who operate with it, upon the world at large. It was for this reason that Dean Stanley some years since offered his memorable plea on behalf of the Fund from which the Duke of Albany quoted in his speech at the recent festival, and we believe it to be an argument which will be admitted to be sufficiently cogent. That the trade do not appeal to the public for that which they themselves fail to support, or assist with but a grudging hand, the subscription list at the banquet abundantly proves, for in that document the names of nearly all the leading printing firms figured in the best sense of the word, among the donations being two sums of one hundred guineas each, one from Messrs. Clowes & Sons', Limited, 'in memory of the late William Clowes,' and the other from Mr. Horace B. Marshall. With this palpable proof of the desire felt by the heads of the trade to benefit its members it is only needful to say that there is urgent cause for a reference of the case to a wider constituency. Such a reference has now once more been made with the imprimatur of the Royal Duke, and we trust that a permanent addition to the Fund will be the result. To insure this the members of the trade throughout the country will do well to bring the Duke of Albany's speech under the notice of the editors of their local journals, who, with such a text before them, would doubtless be as willing, as they would undoubtedly be able, to give the Fund a helping hand.

The death of Mr. William Spottiswoode has been referred to by our daily and weekly contemporaries in terms which prove how completely the lamented President of the Royal Society had won the respect and affection not only of the men of science with whom he was more particularly associated, but of all who, whether in public or in private, had been brought into intimate relations with him. As one of the heads of the firm of Queen's Printers, Mr. Spottiswoode's name is familiar to the majority of our readers, and it is only just to say that, numerous as were the engagements in which his scientific pursuits involved him, he never neglected the interests of the house to which he belonged, and he ever showed the warmest sympathy for all schemes calculated to benefit the trade. Entering the business at an earlier date than he had anticipated, he made himself well acquainted with 'the mysteries of the craft,' for in this, as in all else with which he was concerned, he was never satisfied with any mere superficial mode of dealing with the matter in hand.

The proposal to give Mr. Spottiswoode the distinction of burial in Westminster Abbey will commend itself to all Englishmen as a fitting recognition of high personal merit and of the benefits which he has conferred upon his country, and indeed upon the world, by his services to the cause of science, and an announcement that the Dean has acceded to the request made to him by the distinguished men who signed the memorial would be received with satisfaction. Apart from the claims of the man of science to a resting-place among those who have worked in the same great cause, no spot could be more appropriate for a printer's grave than the precincts of the Abbey which overshadowed the work of the first great printer; and in days to come, when the younger members of the trade make a pilgrimage to Westminster to see the Caxton window in St. Margaret's Church, they would have another shrine to visit in the grave-

place of William Spottiswoode.

The following is the text of the Memorial addressed to the Dean of Westminster:—

'To the Very Reverend the Dean of Westminster.—Your Memorialists, in common with all who knew the late Mr. William Spottiswoode, President of the Royal Society, are deeply sensible of the great national loss that has been sustained through his death. Your Memorialists feel that it is needless to enlarge or insist on his great merits. It is known to all how, alike by his intellectual gifts and scientific achievements, and by his great personal worth and purity of aim, he was able to render inestimable services to the cause of science and the public good. It would, in the opinion of your Memorialists, be fitting and proper that one who was thus the chosen head of science in England, and who, by his intellect and character, filled that office so worthily, and with such advantage to the world, and who has left so bright an example to those that follow, should be honoured by being buried in Westminster Abbey; and your Memorialists therefore trust that you will see fit to permit him to be buried there.'

The following is the list of the persons who have signed the memorial to the Dean of Westminster for the burial of Mr. Spottiswoode in Westminster Abbey. Many more

signatures are expected :--

The Duke of Northumberland, the Duke of Devonshire, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Earl of Derby, Earl Granville, Earl Ducie, the Earl of Dalhousie, the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, Lord Coleridge, Lord Rayleigh, Lord Lawrence, Lord Aberdare, Lord Reay, Lord Colin Campbell, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., the Right Hon. Hugh Childers, M.P., the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., the Right Hon. A. Beresford-Hope, M.P., the Right Hon. G. J. Goschen, M.P., the Right Hon. Sir Richard Cross, M.P., the Right Hon. A. J. Mundella, M.P., the Right Hon. Sir Lyon Playfair, M.P., the Right Hon. Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., the Right Hon. Sir Charles Bowen, the Right. Hon. Henry Fawcett, M.P., the Dean of Christ Church, the Warden of Merton, the Headmaster of Eton, the President of the Royal Academy, the Astronomer Royal, Sir James Stephen, Sir Charles Trevelyan, Sir John Lubbock, Sir Frederick Pollock, Sir William Thomson, Sir James Paget, Sir William Gull, Sir William Jenner, Admiral Sir Astley Cooper Key, General Sir Patrick Grant, Admiral Sir L. M'Clintock, General Sir J. Lefroy, Admiral Sir E. Richards, Admiral Sir E. Fanshawe, General Sir Montague M'Murdo, Sir Charles Mills, Sir Walter Elliot, Sir Bartle Frere, Sir Arthur Hobhouse, Sir Rutherford Alcock, Sir Henry Rawlinson, Sir James Lacaita, Sir Henry Thompson, Sir Lewis Pelly, Sir F. Bramwell, Sir John Hawkshaw, Sir William Siemens, Sir Louis Mallet, Sir Henry Bessemer, Sir Julian Goldsmid, Sir Joseph Fayrer, Sir William Gregory, Mr. Story Maskelyne, M.P., Mr. W. C. Cartwright, M.P., Professor Busk, Professor Huxley, Professor Sylvester, Professor Tyndall, Professor Williamson, Professor Hirst, Professor Cayley, Professor Darwin, Professor Bryce.

Messrs. F. V. White & Co. announce as in the press the following new novels: 'Peeress and Player,' by Florence Marryat, in 3 vols.; 'Jenifer,' by Annie Thomas, in 3 vols.; 'Was it Worth the Cost?' by Mrs. Eiloart, in 3 vols.; 'On Foreign Soil,' by Miss M. Montgomery Campbell, in 3 vols.; 'True to the Core,' by Miss C. J. Hamilton, in 2 vols.; 'Forbidden to Marry,' by Mrs. G. Linnæus Banks, in 3 vols.; 'Under the Lash,' by Mrs. Houstoun, in 2 vols.; 'Under the Ban,' by Charles Gibbon, in 3 vols.; 'His Dearest Wish,' by Mrs. Hibbert Ware, in 3 vols.; 'Only an Actress,' by Edith Stewart Drewry, in 3 vols. Also cheaper editions of 'How He Won Her,' by Mrs. Eiloart; 'A Fatal Passion,' by Mrs. Alexander Fraser; 'Sink or Swim,' by Mrs. Houston; 'Eyre of Blendon,' by Annie Thomas; 'Three Fair Daughters,' by Laurence Brooke.

Re E. JONES & SON,

St. Mary Street, Royal Arcade, Cardiff,

Tobacconists, Stationers, Booksellers, and Printers.

At the meeting of creditors held herein, Wednesday, 27th June, at the offices of Mr. H. Thomas, No. 7 New Inn, Strand, Mr. Nichols of the firm of Nichols & Leatherdale in the chair, the debtors submitted the following statement of affairs:—

LIABILITIES.			1	Assets.					
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					1	Furniture and Fixtures	41	10	0
					1	Surplus Estate, Mrs. Jones	20	0	0
							1,111	15	4
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						Taxes, fully secured	189	19	9
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The debtors made an offer of 2s. 6d. in the pound; but the estate showing 7s. 4d. in the

pound exclusive of costs, the offer was refused by the creditors assembled.

Mr. Harvey then proposed the liquidation of the estate; but finally, through the firmness of J. & R. Maxwell, the debtors increased their offer to 5s. in the pound, payable two, four, and six months; this the creditors assembled unanimously accepted, Mr. Harvey falling in with their views. The security to be to the satisfaction of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Harvey, and Mr. John Maxwell, and to be approved of before the confirmatory second meeting.

Messrs. J. & R. Maxwell wish us to state that with the idea of obtaining better offers from debtors, and where conscientiously possible to prevent the disastrous effects of 'liquidations,' resulting so often in a satisfactory manner to the professional creditors only as against the bonâ fide trade ones, it is their intention, where their firm is interested, to attend all meetings of creditors personally, and that they will be glad at any time to co-operate with trade creditors for their mutual advantage.

At the Anniversary of the Printers' Pension Fund, to which we have referred elsewhere, the Duke of Albany made a very effective speech in introducing the toast of the evening. His Royal Highness kept well to the subject, by giving a brief sketch of the establishment of the Corporation, and by setting forth the claims which it justly makes upon public attention and benevolence. The Duke acknowledged his indebtedness to Mr. Hodson's recently-published 'History of the Printing Trade Charities' as the source whence he had derived his knowledge of the origin of the Corporation. The other speakers upon the occasion were the Earl Stanhope, Sir Charles Dilke, Sir R. R. Lingen, Mr. Sheriff DeKeyser, Mr. Sheriff Savory, Mr. Alderman Herbert J. Waterlow, Mr. J. Figgins, jun., Mr. W. C. K. Clowes. The subscription list reached a larger amount than has been recorded on any similar occasion, viz. £1,260.

Mr. George W. Reid, Keeper of the Prints and Drawings at the British Museum, has

resigned his post. Professor Sidney Colvin is spoken of as his successor.

Under the title of 'The Policy of Frederick William IV.,' Hermann Wagener, Privy Councillor of Government, has published an essay in which he tries to clear up several mistakes which have hitherto been predominant regarding the policy of the King of Prussia. The author, who was formerly editor of the Conservative Kreuz Zeitung, and who afterwards held a very confidential position under Prince Bismarck, found, of course, a good many opportunities to look behind the scenes, and thus understood the real motives which regulated the policy of Frederick William IV.

His Highness Prince Ibrahim Hilmy, brother of the Khedive, has in the press a bibliography of printed books, manuscripts, periodical literature, &c., relating to the antiquities, history, and political and social life of Egypt, from the earliest times to the present date. A certain number of copies will be set apart for public libraries and private persons desirous of

possessing the work.

The Free Public Libraries Acts were, on the 21st ult., adopted in Wimbledon, at a poll of the ratepayers, by a majority of 81. Free libraries are already in successful operation at

Kingston, Twickenham, and Richmond.

Mesars. Wilson & McCormick, of Glasgow, have now in the press, and will publish early this month, 'A Day on the Columba: a Summer Idyll.' All who have been on board the steamer, so well known on the River Clyde, will welcome this addition to our summer literature.

Newspaper and Review.

Among Messrs. Marion & Co.'s novelties is a series of Scottish views, entitled 'Gilt Rim' Photographs, plain and coloured, measuring 11 × 9 inches. Of these there are twenty-four varieties, examples of mountain and lake scenery. They are beautiful pictures for the wall, and yet moderate in price. There are twelve views of London to range with the foregoing, and twelve similar views of the Isle of Wight, among which may be noted Ventner, Osborne, Shanklin, and Black Gang Chine, as interesting examples. Messrs. Marion & Co. are also producing a most striking series of Cornish coast and inland pieces. In some of these the breaking of the waves upon the shore and rocks has been caught in a wonderful manner. We may particularise:—the wreck of the Mosel, the vessel on the rocks; Cornish copper mine, rock and sea piece; the Land's End; Scilly Islands, wherein the mail boat is taken going at full speed; a pair of photos, 'Summer and Winter,' summer evening light, and clear winter morning, in contrast; evening among the westward rocks of Scilly; the Loaded Camel, a curious rock near the Land's End; Mount's Bay, an instantaneous 'effect' of surf; entering Penzance Harbour, surf about the pier and in the bay; rock-bound shore in a gale, the waves flying into spray; calm in harbour, fleet of smacks 'floating double,' boat and shadow; a sea piece, No. 1090, bright sunlight, boats becalmed; and, not the least remarkable, a photograph of vessels under sail. This series, of which we have named a few examples, contains no less than 150 varieties. The collection may be called especially timely, now that 'everyone' is thinking of the sea-side.

Mr. Arthur Ackermann, of 191 Regent Street, has allowed us to see the sample book of Prang's Christmas and New Year cards for 1883-4. The new designs include autumnal leaves, the cards the shape of the actual leaves; floral calling cards, with space for writing name; various 'spray' cards, with ornamental backs; landscape, with 'humorous animal figures; vases of fruit, &c., with space for inscription; clusters of fruit; flowers, birds, blossoms, feathers, &c., combined with artistic ornamentation; floral, with ornamental backs; vases of flowers with verses; Egyptian children bearing presents; humorous groups; water pieces, with very delicate ornamentation of shells, nests, &c.; examples of early Dutch costume; gilt horseshoes, combined with birds and flowers; fruit, blossom, and rose pieces; birds in the snow, several groups; wild ducks; owl, bear, cat, dog, &c., cards with ornamental backs; vignette landscape, land and sea pieces within gilt and floral borders; winter scenes with verses; aquatic birds; an Egyptian series; vignette views accompanied by ferns; birds and blossoms, 'panel cards'; large 'floral,' verses and greetings; nocturnal patterns, with suitable accompaniment of owls; humming birds; geraniums, hand-screen fringe cards of landscape, birds on the back; sunflowers, butterflies, &c., ornamental backs; Mother Hubbard

and Jack Frost; large bouquets of roses, &c., &c.

The Artistic Stationery Company's novelties include a series of twenty-five correspondence cards, with envelopes to match, in a box which is itself a tasteful piece of work, in colours and gold; some very pretty floral cards, in colours and gold, white on the reverse, with the bouquet in one of the compartments of the ornamental side; a wedding congratulation card, very elaborate, suitable blossoms, on a square card of a tender neutral, with bevelled gilt edges, which is held by strings in a case, which is a pretty example of gold printing within, and when shut presents a uniform surface of dull gold. There are also tinted card calendars for 1884, about 12 by 8½ and 11 by 7½ in size, presenting rock, landscape, and shipping, besides

The new edition of Shakspeare's plays which Mr. Richard Grant White has edited, and of which Messrs. Sampson Low & Co. are the recognised London agents, will be published during this month. There will be two different sets—one in six volumes, on large paper, and a cheaper one, from the same plates, in three volumes. Mr. White has edited this edition on a different plan from that of the one which he published in twelve volumes. His aim has been to combine thorough editorial work and attractive appearance with convenience of form and cheapness of price. The same firm will soon issue an edition in one octavo volume of Andrew Carnegie's 'American Four-in-Hand in England,' a work somewhat on the plan of Mr. W. Black's 'Adventures of a Phaeton.'

Dr. William Collingridge, M.A., M.D., S.Sc.Cert. Camb., Medical Officer of Health of the Port of London, was a successful candidate in the recent examination for the degree of

Master of Laws of the University of Cambridge.

Messrs. Hurst & Blackett will shortly publish 'A Fallen Foe,' by Katharine King, author of 'The Queen of the Regiment,' &c., and 'Red Riding Hood,' by Fanny E. Millett Notley, each in three vols.

Mr. Robert Browning has contributed 'A Song' to the July issue of Harper's Magazine. In the same number Mr. John H. Ingram writes of 'Chatterton and His Associates,' and Mr. W. H. Rideing opens the magazine with a lively description of Hampstead Heath, enriched with drawings by E. F. Brewtnall and R. W. Macbeth.

Mr. A. H. Woodward, of the I.X.L. Works, Vittoria Street, Birmingham, has issued a new trade catalogue of his immense variety of gold and steel pens, penholders, pencils with protectors, copying-ink pencils, drawing pins, paper fasteners, and other goods of the kind manufactured by him.

Messrs. Latimer & Son, of Plymouth, have just issued the first number of a new monthly,

entitled the Mineral Register.

A waistcoat-pocket edition of Sir Walter Scott's 'Lady of the Lake,' clearly printed and elegantly bound, has just been issued by Messrs. David Bryce & Son, of Glasgow.

It is proposed to place a window to the memory of Geoffrey Chaucer in the old church of Woodstock. The poet, in the days when Woodstock was a royal residence, occupied a house,

which still bears his name, on the borders of the park.

A new English 'Dictionary of Periodical Literature' has been projected. The compiler is Mr. Cornelius Walford, who is well known as the editor of the Antiquarian Magazine and Bibliographer, and also for his services to bibliography. From his prospectus we learn that he proposes to divide his work by the four distinct periods of periodical literature, the first covering the period from the invention of printing to the year 1712, the date of the first Newspaper Stamp Act; the second running to 1855, when the Newspaper Stamp Act was finally repealed; the third coming down to January 1, 1882, when the Libel and Registration Act came into operation, and the fourth from that date onward. The number and range of publications to be indexed is stupendous. It includes newspapers, all classes of magazines, almanacs; the publications of all scientific and literary societies, and the pseudonyms of newspaper and magazine writers. The work, it is understood, will be published in sections, in order that the compiler may obtain the assistance of those who have made special collections and who may be able to add new material for later volumes.

The interest manifested in England for the most notable American books has within the last few years increased to a surprising extent. The works of the best-known writers are republished in London almost as soon as issued in Boston or New York, precisely as those of distinguished English authors are reprinted here. Not long ago, Messrs. Macmillan & Co. brought out a cheap edition of Mrs. Burnett's 'Louisiana.' It became at once an extraordinary success, and many thousand copies have been sold. Another American book which has achieved appreciation is Mr. G. W. Cable's 'Old Creole Days.' The book was recently brought out by Mr. David Douglas in his series of reprints from American books, in which

already many of the best works of modern American fiction-writers have appeared.

Mr. John Dicks, of the Strand, advertises an English Library in halfpenny parts. In the prospectus explaining the plan, he writes: 'We now, in order to meet an urgent demand, present to the reading public productions which, until within a few months, or at all events years, were obtainable by the people through circulating libraries only; we allude to the works of Dickens, Thackeray, Jerrold, Bulwer, Lever, Charlotte Brontë, Hook, Ingoldsby, Ainsworth, Lover, Carleton, G. P. R. James, Jane Austen, Mrs. Trollope, the O'Hara Family, and others too numerous to mention; illustrated by such artists as Cruikshank, Leech, Smirke, Seymour, Stanfield, John Gilbert, Phiz, Stodart, Crowquill, which we offer, in a neat and attractive form, at a price within the reach of all. In all cases the works will be printed from the original editions, and wholly unabridged.'

There seems to be a revival of interest in the Life and Writings of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, for Messrs. Dodd, Mead, & Co., of New York, have an édition de luxe of his works in press, prepared by Mr. Richard Grant White. Mrs. Oliphant's volume on Sheridan is also announced as the next issue in the 'English Men of Letters' series, while Mr. J. Brander Matthews has in preparation an illustrated and annotated edition of the 'Rivals' and the 'School for Scandal,' to which he will prefix a brief biography of the dramatist; and Mr. Henry Morley opens

his 'Universal Library' with an edition of the dramatist's writings.

Mr. Wilhelm Friedrich, of Leipzig, has published the first instalment of a history of English literature in the German language, which will form the fourth volume in a series of 'Literatures of the World.' It will appear in eight or nine parts, and will treat of English literature from the earliest record to the present time, with an appendix devoted to American literature. More than a third of the work deals with the literature of the nineteenth century. The correspondence of Berthold Auerbach with his Uncle Jacob in Frankfort is to be

published. The letters cover a period of forty years.

An edition of Cowper's letters, selected by the Rev. W. Benham for Messrs. Macmillan & Co.'s 'Golden Treasury Series,' is now in the press. We also learn that Mrs. Oliphant has selected and arranged a volume of Cowper's poems for the same series.

The Atlantic Monthly for July contains the opening chapters of two new serial stories—'A Roman Singer,' by F. Marion Crawford, and 'Newport,' by Mr. George Parsons Lathrop. The five hundred autograph letters from the influential personages who constitute the Longfellow Memorial Committee have been presented by Dr. W. C. Bennett, the honorary secretary, through Mr. Longfellow's publisher, Mr. H. C. Houghton, to the American Longfellow Memorial Committee, to be permanently deposited in some public institution in Boston, U.S., or its neighbourhood, for the inspection of any Americans who may desire to see the high esteem in which the poet was held by so many of the best minds of England.

Dr. Peter Bayne is said to be writing a life of Martin Luther, which will be published in

two large octavo volumes.

Dr. E. H. Plumptre is engaged on a new translation of Dante's 'Divina Commedia,' and has issued a little pamphlet of 'samples,' to invite criticism before publication.

Roumania now possesses an illustrated monthly magazine entitled The Bucharest Salon.

Since our last publication the following Publishers have issued books, full titles of which will be found in the New Book List:—

Sand, by Bertha Thomas (Eminent Women Series).

Messrs. Blackwood & Son.—E. J. Hasell, Bible Partings. J. Cave Browne, Lambeth Palace and its Associations, 2nd edit.

Messrs. Cassell & Co.—T. H. S. Escott, England: its People, Polity, and Pursuits, new edit. Little Folks, Vol. 17. Flower Painting in Water-Colours, 2nd series.

Messrs. Crosby Lockwood & Co.-M. De Breuil, Scientific Culture of Fruit Trees, 4th

edit. by G. Glenny.

Messrs. Longmans & Co.—Samuel R. Gardiner, History of England, Vol. 1. J. G. Wood, Insects at Home, new edit. J. G. Wood, Insects Abroad, new edit. J. G. Wood, Homes Without Hands, new edit. J. G. Wood, Bible Animals, new edit. Under Sunny Skies, 2 vols. John Stuart Mill, Subjection of Women, 5th edit.

Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, & Rivington.—R. S. Chattock, Practical Notes on Etching, 2nd edit. W. Powell, Wanderings in a Wild Country, New Britain.

Decoration, Vol. 5. Mozart, by Dr. F. Gehring (Great Musicians).

Messrs. Macmillan & Co.—Aristotle's Politics, with Notes by J. E. C. Welldon. Horace, Satires, with Notes by Arthur Palmer. Molière, Médecin malgré lui, with Notes by G. Eugène Fasnacht. Lal Behari Day, Folk-Tales of Bengal. A. S. Hardy, But Yet a Woman. Mr. John Murray.—H. Wace, The Gospel and its Witnesses.

#### AMERICAN NEWS AND NOTES.

Messrs. James R. Osgood & Co., of Boston, announce three biographies, which promise to be of unusual interest. The first in order of publication will be the authorised 'Life of Henry W. Longfellow,' by his brother, the Rev. Samuel Longfellow; 'The Life of Nathaniel Hawthorne,' by his son, Julian Hawthorne, will follow, which will contain a quantity of unpublished correspondence; and, lastly, a biographical and critical study of the author of 'Daniel Deronda,' by George Willis Cooke, whose study of Ralph Waldo Emerson's life and writings has met with so much favour. Mr. Cooke has availed himself of everything that has appeared in print throwing light on George Eliot's life; and his book will deal mainly with her philosophical and religious teachings.

Mr. Arthur Penn's book on the 'Home Library,' being the new volume in Messrs. Appleton's series of 'Home Books,' will contain examples of French and English book-plates, with one American plate drawn by Mr. E. A. Abbey. It will also have more than thirty illustrations, chiefly of the more recent library devices to save time, trouble, and money.

Messrs. A. D. F. Randolph & Co., New York, are about to publish 'The Reform in Sweden: Its Rise, Progress, and Crisis, and Its Triumph Under Charles IX.,' by Dr. C. M.

Butler, a professor of the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School of Philadelphia.

Messrs. D. Lothrop & Co., of Boston, have nearly ready another new 'Life of Oliver Wendell Holmes,' by E. E. Brown, author of a 'Life of James Abram Garfield.' The author, it is said, has received fresh and authentic data from the doctor himself; and the book will have several illustrations. Mr. Arthur Gilman's 'History of the American People,' upon which he has been engaged for some three years, is to be published soon by this house, in an illustrated 12mo. of between four and five hundred pages. Mr. Gilman has expended much care and research in the preparation of this history, designing it to serve as a popular manual. A large volume on 'American Arctic Explorations' will also be published by them at the same time. It will include accounts of early voyages and explorations in the Arctic zone by various explorers, from Lieutenant De Haven and Dr. Kane to Schwatka and De Long, with a brief narrative of Captain Wilkes's Antarctic Expedition, the whole compiled from official sources by Professor J. E. Nourse, U.S.N., and profusely illustrated.

Messrs. Roberts Brothers, of Boston, will soon issue the Rev. Edward Everett Hale's description of his recent tour in Spain, under the title of 'Seven Spanish Cities;' and a new book of poems by Mr. J. W. Chadwick, to be called 'In Nazareth Town: a Christian Fantasy.' The same firm will also publish at once an elaborate biography of Emanuel Swedenborg, by Benjamin Worcester, with an introductory chapter on Swedenborg's place in history, an appendix giving a complete list of Swedenborg's writings, and a steel engraved portrait and

facsimile of his handwriting.

Messrs. George W. Carleton & Co., New York, have published the 'Life and Adventures of Josh Billings,' by Francis S. Smith. It is a veritable memoir of Mr. Henry W. Shaw, who was born in Lanesboro, Berkshire Co., Mass., in 1818, and who is now one of the recognised humourists of America.

Mr. Henry George, author of 'Progress and Poverty,' is writing a reply to the numerous

criticisms of that remarkable book.

The first number of a new Congregational monthly, to be called *The Andover Review*, edited by Professors Harris, Hinks, Smyth, and Tucker, of Andover (Mass.) Seminary, will appear in the early autumn with the imprint of Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin, & Co. It will number among its contributors such men as President Ladd, of New Haven; President Seelye, of Northampton; and Dr. Duryea, Dr. McKenzie, and Dr. Gladden. Its limits will be theology and Biblical criticism.

It is stated that Messrs. Harper and Brothers have decided to destroy the plates of their Magazine and Weekly prior to 1880, and have sold the entire stock, consisting of complete sets, bound volumes, and numbers from the commencement to that date, to Messrs. Estes & Lauriat, of Boston. The sale amounted at retail prices to nearly fifty thousand dollars.

Under the title of 'Nights with Uncle Remus,' Mr. Joel Chandler Harris is writing a new series of his inimitable 'Uncle Remus' stories, many of which will appear as serials in The

Century Magazine before they are issued in book form.

'X. Y. Z.' is the title of a novelette by Anna Katherine Green, author of 'The Leavenworth Case,' and 'The Sword of Damocles,' to be published immediately by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. Miss Green has also ready a new novel called 'Hand and Ring,' the appearance of which in book-form has been postponed till the autumn. This firm also announces 'Meat and Wool,' a survey of the ranch industries and grazing regions of the United States, by Clarence Gordon, late an expert in the United States Census. It will form Volume III. in the 'Library of Political Information.'

Messrs. Harper & Brothers will soon publish Mr. George Ticknor Curtis's 'Life of James Buchanan.' It will be in two volumes. The same firm have in press Dr. Schaff's 'Companion to the New Testament,' a critical examination of the Greek Testament, with a history

of the various editions, and an appendix containing papers by other Biblical scholars.

A new work, calculated to insure some interest in the literary world, if from no other motive than that of mere curiosity, will soon be published at Philadelphia, viz., 'Walt Whitman: a Study,' by Richard Maurice Bucke, M.D., of Toronto, a personal friend of the poet. The book will have for the frontispiece a copper-plate etching of Walt Whitman, and will contain other illustrations, among which are copies of photographs of his father and mother.

Messrs. S. C. Griggs & Co., of Chicago, have ready a new edition of Professor R. B. Anderson's 'America not Discovered by Columbus,' enlarged by a bibliography of the pre-Columbian discoveries of America, by Paul Barron Watson, which originally appeared in the Library Journal. The same firm will publish this month a new work by Prof. A. H. Welsh, author of 'The Development of the English Literature and Language,' entitled 'Essentials of Geometry;' and a new volume of poems by Mr. Benjamin F. Taylor, the 'poet-lecturer,' author of 'Songs of Yesterday.' Prof. R. B. Anderson has nearly completed his translation of Frederic Winkel Horn's 'History of the Literature of the Scandinavian North, from the Most Ancient Times to the Present.' It will be of especial interest to scholars, and will be published by the same firm.

The second volume of the English translation of Prof. Topelius's 'Surgeon's Stories,' with the title 'Times of Battle and of Rest,' is in press, for immediate publication by Jansen, McClurg, & Co., Chicago. It covers the period of Swedish history from the times succeeding the death of Gustaf Adolf to the reign of the other great Swedish king, Charles XII., who forms the subject of the third volume of the series, to be issued in the autumn.

Mr. Gabriel Harrison, of Brooklyn, is engaged on the 'Life of John Howard Payne,' which he intends to publish this month. It will be in one octavo volume, and will contain several

illustrations and autographic facsimiles.

An interesting publication for art students will be a work to be shortly issued by Mr. Moses King, of Cambridge, Mass., entitled 'Examples for Elementary Practice in Delineation,' by Mr. Charles H. Moore, instructor in drawing and principles of design in Harvard University; accompanied by a portfolio of handsome plates, consisting of twenty examples in

outline, and by illustrated pages of directions.

Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin, & Co., of Boston, have in the press: 'A Life of Benjamin Franklin' (being the sixth volume of the 'American Men of Letters Series'), by Prof. John B. McMaster, the author of the new 'History of the People of the United States.' It will incorporate all the essential facts that may be learned in regard to Franklin's career from the Franklin papers which have recently been added to the U.S. Congressional Library. Some notable announcements are made by the same publishers for this series, as to the authors to be treated of, and the writers who will do the biographical work: Ralph Waldo Emerson will be treated by Dr. Oliver W. Holmes; Bayard Taylor, by Mr. J. R. G. Hassard, of the New York Tribune; Margaret Fuller, by Col. T. W. Higginson; Edmund Quincy, by Mr. Sidney Howard Gay; William Cullen Bryant, by Mr. John Bigelow, who knew him intimately; and Edgar Allan Poe, by Mr. George L. Woodberry, author of 'The History of Wood Engraving.'

General Andrew A. Humphreys, author of the volume contributed to the series of 'Campaigns of the Civil War,' describing Grant's campaign in Virginia, 1864-5, has prepared for publication another book, which Messrs. Scribner, of New York, will publish at once. The new volume is entitled 'Gettysburg to the Rapidan: The Army of the Potomac from July, 1863, to March, 1864.' Though not directly connected with the series of war histories just completed, it forms a connecting link between the account of the battle of Gettysburg and

that of the operations in Virginia in 1864.

Messrs. J. B. Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia, announce the publication of an édition de luxe of the works of W. H. Prescott, the historian, in fifteen octavo volumes. This edition will be printed from the type of the new revised edition, edited by J. Foster Kirk, on laid paper of the best quality. It will contain all of the thirty portraits printed on India paper, the plates having all been carefully retouched for the purpose. The publication will commence with 'The History of the Reign of Ferdinand and Isabella,' in three volumes, and will be followed at intervals of about two months until complete. The edition will be limited to two hundred and fifty copies, which will be numbered and registered, a portion of which, by the courtesy of the owners of the English copyright, will be sold in England.

#### OBITUARY.

The death is announced of Sir George Bowyer, the author of 'A Dissertation on the Statutes of the Italian Cities,' Commentaries on the Constitutional Law of England,' Study and Use of Civil Law,' Commentaries on the Modern Civil Law,' and 'Commentaries on Universal Public Law.'

The Rev. J. E. Salkinson died at Vienna on June 5. He had been engaged for nearly twenty years on a Hebrew version of the New Testament. His principal translations are: The Epistle to the Romans, 'The Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation,' 'Paradise Lost,'

'Othello,' 'Romeo and Juliet,' Byron's 'Hebrew Melodies,' and Tiedke's 'Urania.'

We regret to record the death, on the 14th ult., of Mr. Edward Fitzgerald, the elegant scholar, and the friend of more than one generation of men of letters. Mr. Fitzgerald was, we believe, in his seventy-sixth year, and was specially known as the translator of the works of Calderon, Omar Khayyam, and Jami. A little volume of 'Readings from the Poetry of the Rev. George Crabbe,' selected by him, and published a few weeks ago, was his last contribution to literature.

The death is announced of Frances M. Owen, the wife of Mr. James Owen, of Cheltenham College, which took place suddenly on Tuesday, the 19th ult. She was known as the author of a sympathetic study of the Life and Poetry of John Keats, published in 1880; and con-

tributed from time to time articles to various reviews and critical journals.

Mr. Henry S. Leigh, whose death occurred on the 23rd ult., was the author of 'Carols of Cockayne' (1868), 'Gillott and Goosequill' (1871), 'A Town Garland' (1878), and 'Strains from the Strand' (1882), as well as of a considerable number of libretti, addresses for the stage, and fugitive verses in the magazines and weekly periodicals.

## TRADE CHANGES, ETC.

Messrs. Rivington have transferred their business at Oxford to Mr. J. R. Evans, who has had the management of that branch during the past six years. Mr. Evans was formerly with the late Mr. John Bumpus, where he had the management of the Bound Book Department, and previous to that was for some years with Mr. Henry Wright, bookseller, Birmingham.

Mr. George F. Fowler, Wholesale Export Bookseller and Stationer, has removed from 2

Short Street, Tabernacle Square, E.C., to 76 Paul Street, City.

The offices of 'Land and Water' have been removed from 176 Fleet Street, to Nos. 2

and 3 Salisbury Street, Fleet Street, E.C.

Mr. Thomas Wright, Bookseller and Stationer, 75 High Street, Ayr, has purchased the printing business of the late Mr. Love of that town, and opened it as a branch establishment of his own.

Messrs. Thorburn, Bain, & Co., are about to remove to No. 60 Paternoster Row, E.C.

The partnership hitherto subsisting between Mr. Henry Sotheran and Mr. Edward Jones in the businesses carried on at Nos. 77 and 78 Queen Street, Cheapside, E.C., and No. 1 Eastcheap, E.C., under the style of 'Henry Sotheran & Co.,' has been dissolved. Pending other arrangements, particulars of which will be found in another page, the business will be continued there under the style of 'Henry Sotheran & Co.,' Mr. Jones' remaining for a limited period to conduct it on behalf of Mr. Sotheran.

Mr. J. Alfred Jones, late manager to Messrs. Parkins & Gotto, has purchased the business

carried on as 'Westerton's Library,' Knightsbridge. The title remains unaltered.

We understand that Messrs. Marcus Ward & Co. are having extensive premises built for them in Farringdon Road, E.C., and will, when complete, remove thence from Chandos Street, Covent Garden, W.C.

BOOKS RECEIVED:

From Mesars. George Bell & Sons.—'Homilies, Ancient and Modern, edited by George S. J. Davies, No. II. and No. III. The second part of this work contains a series of Sermons by the late Rev. Charles Wolfe, probably better known to the majority of readers by his lines on 'The Burial of Sir' John Moore' than as a clergyman or a preacher. Mr. Davies draws from his 'Remains' matter for a brief, but interesting memoir, and then gives a selection from his published sermons. The third part of the 'Homilies' presents twenty sermons of the Rev. Edward Cooper, who died in 1835, and was rector of Hamstall-Ridware. The sermons which follow the introductory sketch of their writer are admirable specimens of addresses to a rural congregation such as that to which Mr. Cooper ministered, and the aim of simplicity which he set before himself is always reached. Not only as an aid to the clergy in the preparation of sermons, but for devotional reading, this little publication will be welcomed in many quarters.

From the Cambridge University Press.—'The Cambridge Bible for Schools: "Obadiah and Jonah," 'by the Ven. T. T. Perowne, B.D., Archdeacon of Norwich. The issue of the Old Testament volumes of this admirable series is now rapidly drawing to a close, and the sections devoted to the minor Prophets are, if possible, more valuable than those on the books which are more familiar to the ordinary student. In the introductions to the books of Obadiah and Jonah we have an interesting summary of the historical bearings of the two works and of their principal characteristics, and in the latter case, in a chapter on 'the object of the book' we have a very important piece of Biblical criticism. Archdeacon Perowne gives full weight to the view that the book of Jonah was intended to teach the lesson of repentance, while he also lays great stress on its illustration of the 'unloving exclusiveness which too often characterised the Jew.....the grudging narrowmindedness that would deny all favour from the God of Israel to the Gentile world, and then he sets forth the impressive typical teaching of the book as 'an historical parable, a prophecy in act,' Jonah being a type of Christ. 'Thus,' the Archdeacon says:

From Mr. Thomas Murby.—'Elementary Principles of Agriculture,' by Albert Carey, F.R.G.S.

The aim of this comprehensive little work is to

The lesson of repentance and the rebuke of exclusiveness take a higher, because in fact a Christian form, while the claim of this book to a place in the canon of Old Testament prophecy is amply justified. The history of Jonah is a part of that great onward movement, which was before the Law and under the Law, which gained strength and volume as the fulness of the times drew near, but which could only find its consummation in the Incarnation and work of Him in whom all distinctions of country and race were to be for ever broken down, in whose name repentance and remission of sins were to be preached among all nations, in whom all nations of the earth were to be blessed, who was to be at once a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of his people Israel.'

The notes are given, as usual in this edition, at the foot of the text.

From Messrs. William Collins, Son, & Co.—
'Indian Primary Atlas of Modern Geography.'
We have here sixteen maps in quarto, coloured, for the price of sixpence.

From Messrs. Griffith & Farran.—'Cut Diamonds.' Written and selected by Ellen Gubbins. One of the tiny volumes which have become so popular of late, giving a series of brief sayings on an infinite variety of subjects. It would have added much to the interest of the little volume if the names of the authors had been appended to each of the 'sayings.'

From the same.—'Fragments in Prose and Verse.' Collected and arranged by Annie Cazenove. Another dainty little book, dedicated to the memory of Mr. Philip Cazenove, whose name is still remembered with honour in the City of London, and in many places where his charity and benevolence had found opportunity for exercise. In many cases Miss Cazenove has given us authors' names, but not in all.

From Messrs. T. R. Johnston (Edinburgh).—
'The Reliable Atlas.' This is, without doubt, one of the cheapest and most comprehensive Atlases ever issued. In addition to a series of well executed maps, including the latest political 're-arrangements' of territory, we have a plate of astronomical diagrams, and an index to every place mentioned in the atlas, showing the geographical denomination under which it falls, and the map on which it will be found.

From Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, & Co.— 'Through Siberia,' by Rev. H. Lansdell. It is not a year and a half since Dr. Lansdell's account of his travels in Siberia first appeared, and now we have before us the fourth edition. contents of the two volumes octavo, in which the work was first published, are now given, without retrenchment, and without diminishing the numerous engravings and plans, in one handsome volume. The appendices are devoted to accounts of the Russian Church and of its schisms, with a comparative statement of its doctrines; of Wiggins' and Nordenskjöld's discoveries; of early Siberian exploration; of the author's itinerary round the world; also of books relating to Siberia, and of those used by Dr. Lansdell in writing 'Through Siberia.' author's experiences were so strikingly different to English people's traditional notions about Siberia, that their almost universal acceptance by the press is a striking fact. One journal, however, Went so far as to say that the Russian authorities sent instructions forward to make 'things pleasant' for the traveller. In his preface, Dr. Lansdell intimates his readiness to meet publicly anyone who will come prepared with facts, dates, names and places in support of that statement.

ciples of Agriculture, by Albert Carey, F.R.G.S. The aim of this comprehensive little work is to meet the requirements of what the title-page advisedly calls 'the latest code,' the teaching of agriculture having been included by Mr. Mundella in his list of 'specific subjects.' The course of instruction given in the book is intended to be used in the teaching of the classes in elementary schools, and is divided into three parts: the first consisting of definitions and introductory notes on soil, seeds, plant, food, and tillage; the second devoted to manures and their use; and the third describing the various classes of crops and their modes of cultivation. The advantage to begained by children in agricultural counties from the use of such a manual is obvious; and in these days of emigration it may be circulated more widely with the greatest benefit. The numerous illustrations serve to make the letterpress still clearer.

From Mr. F. Pitman.—'Learning to Report.' By F. Pitman, editor of the Shorthand Magazine. An exceedingly practical and useful little manual, which may be commended to all who think of taking up the journalist's profession; while even those who have no such intention may well occupy themselves in cultivating the habit of taking notes of lectures, sermons, or speeches. It will be a matter of opinion whether the appearance of the pages is not marred by the introduction of advertisements wherever a blank suggested the possibility of inserting them.

From Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons (New York, U.S.)—'Chats about Books.' By Mayo W. Hazeltine. This volume is principally made up of selections from the author's series of book reviews which have appeared from time to time in the New York Sun, and which have been admired for their literary ability, as well as for the evidence of the writer's wide acquaintance with contemporaneous literature. It includes essays on some of the most typical of modern poets and novelists, the sixteen subjects considered being Victor Hugo, Swinburne, Alphonse Daudet; Henry W. Longfellow, Zola, Whittier, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Bret Harte, Charles Reade, George Eliot, Henry James, jun., Jules Verne's 'Didactic Fiction,' Edwin Arnold's 'Light of Asia,' William Morris's Epic Poem 'The Last of the Niblungs,' Lord Beaconsfield's 'Endymion,' American Novels ('The American' by Henry James, jun., and 'Garth'). The book Hawthorne's possesses more than ephemeral interest and value, being properly critical essays of a fine order, which we have no hesitation in placing among the very best which have been produced in American journalism. The publishers are to be commended for their enterprise, in thus placing in a permanent form these contributions to: literature of a scholarly and able man, well versed The book deserves a full and! in his themes. careful reading.

From Mr. Walter Smith.—'Holiness in Daily Life.' By George Tugwell, M.A., Rector of Bathwick. A volume of addresses given during Lent in the present year at St. Mary's, Bathwick. The subjects treated are: Business, Amusement, Reading, Conversation, and Taste, on all of which the preacher speaks lovingly and earnestly, and with an evident desire to make the religion of his hearers something more than a mere hebdomadal exercise. Plain, practical, and full of sound common sense, these sermons cannot fail to be useful.

We have also received:—Dickens's Continental ABC Railway Guide (Macmillan & Co), new No. giving summer arrangements, &c. as far as the fixed services are known.—Universal Instructor (Ward, Lock, & Co.) part 33, dealing with sound, geometry, drawing, Latin literature, &c., with diagrams, portraits, &c.—Beeton's Dictionary of Science, Art, Literature. Religion and Philosophy (Ward, Lock, & Co.), Part 20, letters Ox to Ph, illustrated, this part includes an interesting article on 'Paper,' also a very concise account of Parliament.

Books received for notice:—

Great Eastern Railway Company's Tourist Guide to the Continent, 123 Fleet Street.

Sapphire Lights (Wyman & Sons).

Andrewes' Private Devotions (Suttaby & Co.). The Merchant's Clerk (Effingham Wilson).

Jackson's Book-keeping (ditto).

The Mother's Guide (Henry Kimpton). The Treasury (Jno. Haddon & Co.).

Talks about Plants (Griffith & Farran).

Vichy and its Therapeutical Resources (Baillière, Tindall, & Cox).

Phyllis (Smith, Elder, & Co.).

But yet a Woman (Macmillan & Co.).

Johnston's Standard Mental Arithmetic, Standard VI.

Scott's Lady of the Lake (David Bryce, Glasgow). Half-hours with Famous Ambassadors (T. F. Unwin).

An Honourable Surrender (F. Warne & Co.).

Die Jungfrau von Orleans (J. W. Kolckmann).

The Standard of Value (David Bogue).

The Battle of the Moy (W. S. Sonnenschein & Co.).

The Musician. A Guide for Pianoforte Students (ditto).

Babies. How to Rear Them (ditto).

American Statesmen—Daniel Webster (Houghton, Mifflin, & Co., Boston, U.S.A.).

Blackwood's Historical Readers, I., II., III. Our Domestic Poisons (W. Ridgway). Rabbits as a Food Supply (ditto).

The Transvaal and Bechuanaland (Juta, Heelis, & Co.).

The Gospel of St. Mark (Blackie & Son).

Christ's Example and Precepts about Baptism (Jas. Gemmell).

Hardy Perennials and Old-Fashioned Flowers-June (L. U. Gill).

John Heywood's Paragon Readers, Primers I. & II.

The King of the Beggars (Ward, Lock, & Co.). Saucy Snacks and Solid Sense (Judy Office).

Two Blue Slippers—Music (Moutrie & Son, London).

The Newgate Calendar, parts 1 & 2 (C. Herbert).

Ward, Lock, & Co.'s Serials:—

Edition de Luxe, Thomas Hood, Part 8—History of the World, Part 21—Motley's Dutch Republic, Part 8—Great Thoughts on Great Truths, Part 10—Amateur Work, Part 20—Universal Instructor, Part 33—Bonnechose's History of France, Part 8—Gibbon's Roman Empire, Part 10—Illustrated Bible for the Young, Part 9—Dr. A. Clarke's Commentary, Part 27—Life of Napoleon, Part 8—Child's Instructor, Part 9—Shakspeare, Part 10.

#### Pamphlets and Magazines.

Report on Twickenham Free Public Library. New Facts relating to the Chatterton Family (W. George & Son, Bristol).

Letters Patent for Inventions (Rand, Avery, &

Co., Boston, U.S.A.)

Longman's Magazine — Merry England — The Monthly Packet — Church of England Sunday School Magazine — Sylvia's Home Journal — Young England — British Workman — Band of Hope Review — Cambridge University Reporter.

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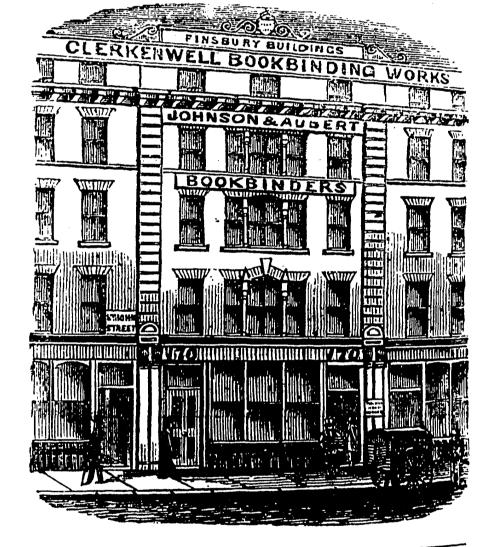
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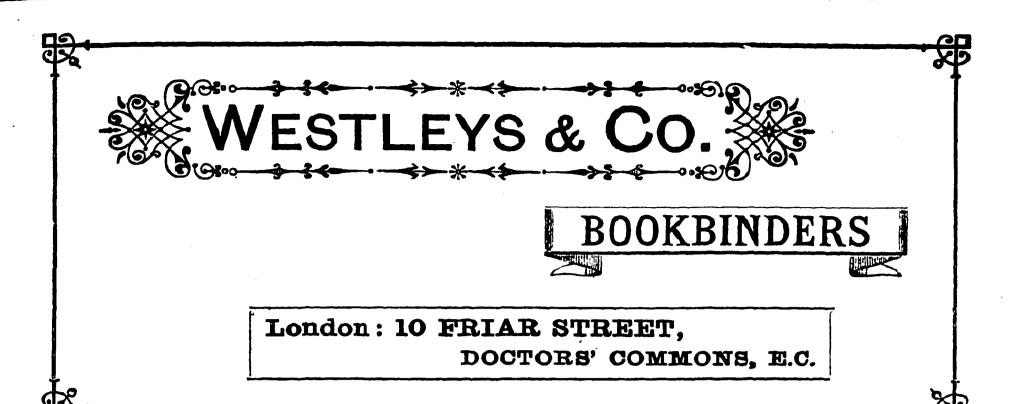
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