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THE death of Mr. H. G. Bohn, F.S.A., removes another eminent London publisher, who, like Mr. Trübner, was of German origin; his father, the late Mr. John Henry Martin Bohn, having come to London in the last century to try his fortune in the book-trade, which was then, commercially speaking, in its infancy. Born in 1796, Henry George Bohn was, in his eighteenth year, introduced to what was destined to be his life-work. After learning the routine of the trade, he became German traveller for his father; and it was one of his 'memories' that while Wellington and Blucher were on the field of Waterloo, he was attending an auction at Leipzig. In 1831 he went into business for himself, and, combining a genuine love of books with the art of making money out of them, he commenced compiling catalogues, and in 1841 produced his 'Guinea Catalogue.' His premises in the vicinity of Covent Garden became the resort of many eminent bibliophiles, and his advice was frequently sought by collectors like Beckford and the Duke of Hamilton; in fact, his shelves often formed the 'half-way house' for many of the choicest tomes which were afterwards stored in the libraries of these and other connoisseurs. It was, however, by the issue of what he at first termed 'The Standard Library,' but has since, in its numerous sections, been known as 'Bohn's Library,' that his name became famous in literary circles, and although the publication in the series of many English translations of classical works gave it a questionable sort of fame with schoolmasters, it stands in the first rank of sustained literary ventures. From 1845, when he resolved to carry out the idea of issuing this many-sided set of books, up to the time of his retirement in 1865, he added volume to volume, and not a few—as, for instance, the translations of Schiller, Humboldt, and Goethe—were from his own pen. The 'Libraries' have since been extended by the addition of other important works, and the number of volumes at present on the list is 661, the retail price of a complete set being £146. 14s. When Mr. Bohn retired from publishing and bookselling, his premises and his 'Libraries' were acquired by Mr. George Bell, then a partner in the firm of Bell & Daldy, of Fleet Street, and the literary property then disposed of to Mr. Bell and other London houses, is said to have realised little short of £100,000. But, while leaving the trade, Mr. Bohn did not leave his books, and even to the last he was at work on a catalogue which, with itsannotations, is likely to be valuable. The last sheet of this interesting list was only passed for press four days before his death. As an author, Mr. Bohn will also be remembered. His 'Life of Shakspeare' found a place among the issues of the Philobiblion Society, and he wrote a 'Handbook of Games,' a 'Handbook of Proverbs,' a 'Handbook of Geography,' and a 'Handbook of Pottery and Porcelain,' and edited 'Lowndes's Bibliographer's Manual,' 'Bibliotheca Parriana,' and 'Addison's Works.' He was also an active member of the Society of Antiquaries. Mr. Bohn married in 1831 a daughter of Mr. Simpkin, of 'the Row,' another 'clarum et venerabile nomen' in the trade, who survives him, and he also leaves two sons and a daughter, Mrs. F. K. Munton, who had been assisting him up to the last in cataloguing his private library. At his residence, North End House, Twickenham, where he died on the 22nd ult., in his 89th year, he had collected many beautiful miniatures and pictures, which will probably be seen at Christie's, where he sold his china a few years ago for £25,000. He was an enthusiastic amateur of flowers, and his roses were 'a sight to see.' Some statements, not altogether exact, have been made in the newspapers as to the position which Mr. Bohn held in the hierarchy of the London publishers; and it may be well, therefore, to point out, that although he was the patriarch in point of age, he had several seniors in the actual business of the trade. Mr. Sampson Low, for instance, commenced the work of bookselling some years before Mr. Bohn went into business on his own account; and Mr. Robert Seeley, who also, if we are not mistaken, dates his birthday back into the eighteenth century, is still with us. The great gift which Mr. Bohn possessed was the power of selecting, not only from English but from foreign literature, works which were likely to command a wide and lasting sale, and it was this special faculty which enabled him to add volume after volume to his collections, and to make few, if any, failures. In this particular, his mantle seems to have fallen upon the purchasers of his stock and copyrights, for Messrs. George Bell & Sons have added to the 600 volumes of the Bohn Libraries, as they stood when they purchased them in 1865, no fewer than 156 issues, many of which have attained a wide popularity.

A change in the name and style of one of the oldest of the London publishing houses has just taken place by the admission of two new members to the firm of Messrs. Griffith & Farran of St. Paul's Churchyard, the successors of the Newbery & Harris of the days of our grandfathers. One of the new members, Mr. Charles Welsh, has for some time been working under the same roof with Mr. Farran, to whom he went seven years ago on the death of Mr. Griffith, and he has since taken an important and active part in the development of the business of the house. Before he went to St. Paul's Churchyard, Mr. Welsh was with the late Mr. Henry S. King, of Cornhill, with whom he worked for seven years, from the publication of the first book with his imprint. Many of the most popular books for children which Messrs. Griffith & Farran have published during the past few years have been of Mr. Welsh's suggestion and compilation, such as 'The Favourite Picture Book,' 'The Babies' Museum, and many others. The edition of 'Goody Two-Shoes' which he prefaced still sells largely. He has also had a good deal of newspaper and other literary experience, and at one time

wrote much for several trade journals. The second new partner in the firm, Mr. H. Parry Okeden, is an Oxford man of a Dorsetshire family, and is a cousin of Lord Wolverton. He is the first of his family who has gone into business.

The recent additions to the City of Manchester Free Library include some valuable works from the Crossley Library, of which an account is given in an interesting bibliographical article in the Manchester Guardian of Tuesday last. Several of the books were local publications, such as the 'Psalm Singer's Compleat Companion' of Elias Hall, of Oldham, printed in London in 1708, but 'sold by W. Clayton, bookseller, in Manchester'; and the extraordinary books of Dr. John Dee, Warden of Manchester, among them being the 'General and Rare Memorials Pertayning to the Perfect Art of Navigation,' printed by John Daye in 1577. Another curiosity is what the Manchester Guardian's critic calls a dull poem, 'The Drunkard's Prospective or Burning Glasse,' written by 'Joseph Rigbie, gentleman, clerke of the peace of the County Palatine of Lancaster,' and printed for the author in 1656. It has no claim to literary merit, but it is prized by Lancashire antiquaries for its great rarity and its many local associations.

On the principle of 'Honour where honour is due,' Dr. Louis Parkes, the Hon. Librarian of the Parkes Museum, does not complain without reason of the statement recently made in the London papers that the idea of forming a Health Library in connection with the 'Healtheries' at South Kensington is original. As a matter of fact, the Library of the Parkes Museum and Sanitary Institute has been in existence for some years, and has, during that time, placed at the disposal of members of the Society, and of students generally, a valuable collection of sanitary literature. The library, which was formerly housed at University College, Gower Street, now has a habitation of its own at 744 Margaret Street, Cavendish Square, and it would perhaps be worthy of the consideration of the authorities of the Health Exhibition whether they could not, on the expiration of their show, hand over to the Parkes Institute the books and pamphlets which they have collected.

Electricity versus steam, as the motive power of the printing machine, is the latest suggestion from 'the other side,' and, as usual, our American cousins seem to be determined to anticipate, if not to excel, their English brethren. The American is, at any rate, the first daily newspaper printed by electric force, and, according to its proprietors, the novelty works well. The entire power for running not only the large Hoe press upon which the paper is printed, but for the cylinder and job presses of the entire printing establishment, is from electricity coming over a single wire from the dynamos, four blocks away; the fires under the steam boiler have been allowed to sleep, while the little electrical machine, weighing only 800lb., quietly, steadily, unceasingly, without jarring or difficulty, keeps up its marvellously equal revolutions. There is, we are told by the editor, no delay in waiting to get up steam, no loss of time from any of the ordinary uncertainties of boilers, but, whenever the minute comes when the power is required, a single movement of the lever and the wheel starts upon its swift unchanging revolutions. If this use of electricity can be developed and extended, a very material advance will have been made, and even if the lighting of our houses by the tiny wire is postponed, to the delight of the shareholders in the gas companies, the recent experiments and investigations will not have been fruitless.

'Infernal Literature,' as it may be termed, has been exciting some controversy in the columns of several of our contemporaries, and as a dull-season subject it is likely to be welcome, seeing that one of our 'London dailies' is reduced to 'House Sparrows' as a subject for a leading article. Among the volumes to which attention has been directed is the 'Petit Albert,' of which Mr. George Bumstead, of Diss, says that when an old-book-seller and a large dealer 'in the occult sciences' he looked upon it as a collection of very clever conjuring tricks and nothing more. The full title from a catalogue of books on the 'Occult Sciences,' published many years ago, is '"Le Solide Trésor des Merveilleux Secrets de la Magie Naturelle et Cabalistique du Petit Albert." Cuts, 12mo. calf, 4s. Genève, s.d. 'Mr. Bumstead adds that if the enquirers want to raise the devil, they will find the whole process in 'Barrett's Magus,' 4to., 1801, and will find a facsimile of the Devil's handwriting in 'Collin de Plancy, Dictionaire Infernal,' best edition, 4 vols.

Messrs. W. Kent & Co. announce that the great success of the 'Miniature Library of the Poets' (of which more than a quarter of a million volumes have been sold) has encouraged them to issue a series of 'Prose Authors,' which, while retaining the well-known characteristics of the 'Library of the Poets,' will be somewhat larger, in order to bring the works, as a rule, into one volume. The first of the series, 'Oliver Twist,' by Charles Dickens, will be ready this month. This will be followed by the works of Lord Lytton, Scott, Thackeray, Washington Irving, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and other well-known English and American authors.

Two volumes will shortly be published which will be welcomed by all interested in the Kindergarten system of education. They are English translations of Froebel's two original works—'Mother's Songs, Games and Stories' (Mutter und Kose Lieder), with all the original pictures and music, and 'The Education of Man' (Menschenerziehung). The English version will be by Miss Frances Lord and Miss Emily Lord, of the Froebel Training School, Notting Hill. A preface will be written by a lady who may justly be regarded as one of the founders of Kindergarten in England—we allude to Fräulein Eleonore Heerwart, formerly a pupil of Froebel. Froebel's works have been set by the Cambridge Syndicate for the Examination of Teachers in 1885. Mr. Thomas Laurie, 31 Paternoster Row, will be the publisher.

Mr. E. M. Jessop, who issued last year a quaintly illustrated edition of 'The Jackdaw of Rheims,' has taken another of the *Ingoldsby Legends*—'The Lay of St. Aloys'—as a subject for his pencil. Messrs. Eyre & Spottiswoode will publish it about the middle of this month.

Messrs. Marion & Co. have now on view at Soho Square the original painting of the 'Cabinet Ministry,' of which permanent carbon prints are published, as will be seen from an advertisement in another part of our present number. This picture derives special interest from the fact that it is, as we understand, the only group of the present administration which has been produced by photography or any other means. There will be four sizes of the print. We may add that we are requested to state that Messrs. Marion & Co.'s 'Celebrities Album' will be ready for delivery in a fortnight. This handsome volume will furnish a series of groups of famous persons of modern times. One cardboard leaf or page is devoted to poets, of whom a group of portraits surrounds the usual aperture for a photograph. Here the possessor of the album will be able to insert the likeness of his favourite poet. And so the idea is carried out with regard to military men, naval officers, literary, scientific, and musical celebrities, distinguished ornaments of the Church, &c., extending to twelve departments of fame.

On the date of our last issue an alarming fire broke out at about ten o'clock in the morning on the premises of Mr. James Hodgson, envelope-maker, Little Trinity Lane, Upper Thames Street. The flames spread with great rapidity, and the workpeople on the premises were placed in great danger of their lives. Most of them were women and girls, and some could only escape by jumping from the windows. In this way many were injured, one man being removed to the hospital. The firemen, who were speedily on the spot, saw that no efforts could save the warehouse, and they directed their attention to preventing the fire from spreading. The fire was completely got under by twelve o'clock, but Mr. Hodgson's premises and plant were entirely burnt out. The damage is estimated at about £50,000.

The new trade catalogue of Messrs. De la Rue & Co. is a handsome volume of about 10 by 7½ inches, and 1½ inches thick. The contents are divided into section A, playing cards, games, &c.; AA, illustrated and other works in general literature; B, message cards, card boards, &c.; BB, Christmas, birthday, and Easter cards, valentines, programmes, menus, fancy cards, &c.; C, writing papers, envelopes, &c.; D, leather goods; DD, diaries, calendars, &c.; DS, solid leather goods; E, albums, scrap books, &c.; F, miscellaneous goods; G, writing and drawing requisites. Each section is amply provided with diagrams illustrative of the goods, and the inquirer is guided to the separate articles by means of an index at the beginning of the volume. The extent of the choice that a purchaser has before him may be inferred from the fact that the stationery index alone has from 1,300 to 1,400 entries. The publications of Messrs. De la Rue & Co. are enumerated in a separate index. The whole is bound in limp cloth, gilt edges, and the edges are indexed through, to show the sections.

Messrs. Dean & Son have shown us their new book of Christmas cards and valentines, of which the whole are original in design, and mostly hand-painted work. The variety is so great that there are several series. One of these, in particular, is a collection of patterns in actual maiden-hair fern. Another series is composed of actual Alpine flowers, in the dried state. Besides these, there are many varieties, cruciform, heart-shaped, &c., which are rendered very effective by gilt edges on a bevel. In some cases the card is made a vehicle or frame for a landscape executed in cork. In some cases the cards are a species of ground for a painting on satin; and we may add that the tints of the ground are very tasteful and pleasant to the eye. Our readers will form an idea of the extent and originality of Messrs. Dean's new sample book from the fact that it contains nearly 200 new designs.

Messrs. Peacock, Mansfield, & Britton, 18 Salisbury Square, Fleet Street, E.C., have just published an illustrated catalogue of their leather goods department, of goods suitable for the coming season. Writing cases, jewel boxes, desks, despatch boxes, stationery cabinets, pocket writing cases, envelope and blotting cases, card cases, purses, and their various other productions in fancy leathers, are given with such detail as to make the catalogue indispensable to both stationers and booksellers. They also send us a catalogue of Bibles, Prayer-books, Church services, and other miscellaneous publications, bound in every style, suitable for presentation, wedding, and birthday gifts.

The air of Westminster seems to infect the ladies of the precincts with a desire to describe the beauties and associations of the Abbey. One of Archdeacon Farrar's daughters has, if we mistake not, written some sketches of the old collegiate church in the pages of the magazines of the Church of England Sunday School Institute; and now a 'Handbook to the Abbey' is announced from the pen of the Dean's daughters.

Messrs. Skeffington & Sons have published a second series of 'Church Songs.'
An illustrated edition of the popular American volume, 'From Log Cabin to White House,' is promised by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton.

Mr. G. A. Sala is to 'do' the Christmas annual for Bow Bells.

Messrs. Clowes & Sons are continuing to produce additions to the handbooks of the International Health Exhibition. The series, which is described as 'printed and published for the Executive Council of the International Health Exhibition and for the Council of the Society of Arts,' will, when complete, form a valuable set of popular manuals, and it ought to find a place in every public and parochial library.

It is said that the late well-known founder of co-operation in Germany, Schulze-Delitzsch, has left behind him a manuscript romance, dealing, as was almost inevitable in his case, with

the social problems of the day.

The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, in his letter in Saturday's issue, cites 'Picturesque Palestine' as an interesting example of English publishing enterprise. Something like £40,000 have been spent in its preparation, and editions are publishing not only in this country, but in the United States, France, Germany, and Spain.

The Athenæum states that a new volume of sonnets by Mr. J. Addington Symonds will shortly be published under the title of 'Vagabunduli Libellus.' One section called 'Stella Maris' narrates in sonnet form an episode of passionate experience. The author in a preface guards himself against the supposition that this section is autobiographical, and explains its relation to the psychological study he attempted in his 'Animi Figura.'

The Library Chronicle contains an article by Mr. Axon on the 'First English Book on Angling.' Mr. Boase contributes an excellent bibliography. There are several other articles

and notes of interest.

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

Messrs. W. H. Allen & Co.—Vernon Lee, The Countess of Albany (Eminent Women Series).

Messrs. Cassell & Co.—Hospitalier, Electrician's Pocket-Book, translated.

Messrs. Hurst & Blackett.—Henry Creswell, Incognita, 3 vols.

Messrs. Longmans & Co.—Seebohm, The English Village Community, 7th edit. J. O. Halliwell-Phillips, Outlines of the Life of Shakspeare, 4th edit. George Nevile, Farms and Farming, illustrated by the author.

Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, & Rivington.—D. G. Mitchell, Bound Together.

Messrs. Macmillan & Co.—Charlotte M. Yonge, The Armourer's Prentices, 2 vols. Mrs. Craik, Miss Tommy, a Mediæval Romance. H. G. Smith, Diseases of Field and Garden Crops.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Charles Robbins died at 28 High Street, Weston-super-Mare, on August 8, aged 59 years. He carried on the business of a bookseller and librarian in Weston-super-Mare for upwards of twenty-five years.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Barry Knight, the senior partner in the publishing firm of C. Knight & Co., of Fleet Street, from whose house in Fleet Street the publications of the Local Government Board are issued. He was the son of Mr. Charles Knight, the founder of the house and publisher of the Penny Magazine and the Penny Cyclopædia, and the originator of the British Almanac and Companion, now issued by the Company of Stationers.

TRADE CHANGES.

Messrs. James Blackwood & Co. have re-built their premises in Lovell's Court, Paternoster Row, E.C., lately destroyed by fire, and the business is now carried on as usual at the old address.

The stationery and account-book business carried on for over twenty years by the late Miss Elizabeth Sands at 1 Gracechurch Street has been purchased, by leave of the Registrar of the Court, by Mr. Francis Henry Metcalfe, who was assistant and manager to Miss Sands for many years past. The valuation was made on behalf of the Court and the purchaser by Mr. Burghes, of Paternoster Row.

BOOKS RECEIVED:

From Messrs. Cassell & Co.—'Photography for Amateurs,' by T. C. Hepworth. A handy little pocket manual, with numerous diagrams, giving a complete guide to the photographer's art in language which is as far as possible non-technical. Mr. Hepworth holds that the art is so simple that it can be acquired in leisure hours, and he has certainly contrived to give very clear and concise directions on what, to the uninitiated, would seem to be a very difficult and intricate subject.

From Messrs. Blackie & Son.—'Memoir of W. L. Leitch,' by A. MacGeorge. Mr. Leitch was a well-known painter of landscapes in water colour, and perhaps still more widely known in English society as a favourite instructor in his art. On his death, Good Words gave a short biographical sketch which 'has been incorporated into the present volume, with a large amount of additional information derived from autobiographical notes, memoranda and letters..... and from communications of friends.' The plates and engravings to the memoir consist mainly of representations of Mr. Leitch's work, and the frontispiece is a copy of a pen-and-ink sketch by Sir Daniel Macnee, a capital likeness. The appendix has a list of exhibited paintings, of works exhibited at the Royal Academy, and of engravings from Leitch's drawings. There is also an account, from the Times, of the sale of his productions. Mr. W. L. Leitch gave lessons to the Queen and to members of the Royal Family in painting, of of which his reminiscences furnish interesting extracts for the volume before us.

From Messrs. Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.— Worship in Heaven and on Earth: Responsive, Congregational, Reverent, Musical, and Beautiful,' by the Rev. J. G. Norton, M.A., Rector of Montreal, Canada. An exhaustive treatise conveniently classified under a variety of heads, tracing the worshipping instinct in man in its developments among the heathen, among the the Jews, and among Christians. The bright and interesting style in which Mr. Norton writes, and the vivid descriptions which he gives of forms and modes of worship, ancient and modern, relieve his book from any suspicion of heaviness, and no one need be repelled by its size—it numbers more than 600 pages—or by the apparent depth of the subject from taking it up. When the author comes to the question of the worship current in the Christian Church he insists strongly on the importance of making it thoroughly congregational, and of giving music a prominent place in every service. Basing his arguments as to what the worship of the Church on earth should be upon the indications given in the Bible of what the heavenly worship is and will be, Mr. Norton pleads for a greater regard for essentials and a wider toleration of non-essentials among Church-His conclusion is that:

On secondary questions, such as matters of ritual, no one age or country can ever be a perfect model for any other. The Church must consider all the circumstances of time and place, and use her freedom. But speaking in general terms, the whole history and philosophy of ritual show that our Church and her greatest theologians are not mistaken in looking back to the Apostolic and Primitive Catholic Church as affording a standard to which our worship should, as nearly as possible, approximate. If the conclusions arrived at in this volume be substantially correct, we ought to spare no pains to make our Church Worship thoroughly responsive, congregational, reverent, musical, and beautiful. But while earnestly pressing for these ritual improvements on account of their undoubted devotional importance, I would venture, in conclusion, to once more remind the reader that there are weightier

matters still: that the greatest needs of the Church of England, at present, are a wide charity on secondary points of ritual, less mere party contention among loyal Churchmen, and far more simple and outspoken preaching of pardon and peace by faith in the one sacrifice on the cross.

Every clergyman ought to give this book a place on his shelves.

From Messrs. Harrison & Sons.—'A Pen'orth of Poetry for the Poor,' by Peter Primrose. A wonderfully cheap budget of 120 well-printed pages of verse, apparently written 'in the Conservative interest' and intended in some cases to be sung at public gatherings to popular national melodies. Notes are added wherever the allusions in the poems are not likely to be understood by the reader.

From The Religious Tract Society.—'Gipsy Jan,' by Nellie Hellis. A pretty story of real life among the gipsies, telling of their strange ways, and their camp life, and showing how susceptible they are, and especially the children, to any kindly and religious influences which are brought to bear upon them. It is a story which would be admirably suited for reading aloud to children, as the interest is maintained from the first page to the last.

From the same,—'Carola,' by Hesba Stretton. Second Edition. A new issue of this touching and attractive story justifies the good word which has teen said for it by nearly all its reviewers. In these days when East London life and home mission work are occupying so large a share of attention, this sketch of a little waif, who, after the kindly training and influence secured for her by the vicar of the parish in which she lived, did good work in the world as a village schoolmistress and a hospital nurse, cannot fail to secure a large The illustrations are effeccircle of readers. tive and the incidents of the tale are worked up with so much power that it possesses all the attractions of a novel, though dealing with life in its simpler phases.

From the same.—'Nora's Stronghold,' by L. C. Silke. The story of a village girl whose father and brother are compelled to emigrate, and whose Christian conduct and ungrudging work for others won for her many friends.

From the same.—'Short and Sweet,' by the author of 'The Travelling Sixpence,' 'Father's Joy and other Stories.' Two pretty tale-books for children with effective illustrations.

From Messrs. Longmans & Co.—Grant's 'Prairie Pictures,' 'Lilith, &c.' Mr. Grant's 'Songs from the Sunny South' met with hearty welcome from the critics, one of whom, moved by the ability these verses exhibited, wrote:—

Will Mr. Grant take a kindly hint from a critic who has a genuine respect for his power, and give the public what it really wants and what he is evidently able to draw, bright pictures of a life which is strange to us and interesting because it is strange?

In 'Prairie Pictures' we see the hint acted upon.

From Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, & Co.—'Mr. William Shakespeare's Tragedie of Hamlet Prince of Denmarke' is here published according to the true Originall Copies, London, Printed by Isaac Taggard and Ed. Blount, 1623, and reprinted for William Ludlow, 1884.' The result is a 16mo. on toned paper, extremely light in the hand, and pleasant to read. Its publication has

arisen from a conviction that an issue free of all comment will be found a refreshing change. Other plays of Shakspeare are to follow at intervals.

From Messrs. Smith, Elder, & Co.—'Airy Fairy Lilian,' by the author of 'Phyllis,' 'Molly Bawn,' &c., is now published in pictorial boards. It is a model of what a railway volume should be, opening well, with good comfortable print.

From the same.—'For Percival,' by Margaret Veley.
A cheap (two-shilling) edition of this popular novel, forming just the book for the carpet-bag of any holiday folk.

From Messrs. Trübner & Co.—'A Modern Proteus,' by J. L. Whitney. This is 'a list of books published under more than one title,' and a very interesting addition to the bibliographer's library. It is necessary to add that the books enumerated are mostly of recent issue, which, although under two or more titles, are believed to be wholly or essentially the same. To the list, alphabetical according to authors' names, is appended an index of books' names. The reader finds, here and there in a note, valuable items of information beyond what might be expected from the title of Mr. Whitney's little book.

From Messrs. Unwin Brothers.—'Measured Steps,' by Ernest Radford. Mr. Radford is already known in the world of letters by a volume of 'Translations from Heine, and other Verses,' which was received with warm approval on its publication. 'Measured Steps' also contains a series of pieces from Heine, and an assemblage of short poems called 'Fits and Starts,' varied by occasional translation. There is considerable spirit and power of versification in them.

From Messrs. Ward, Lock, & Co.—'Salvage,' by Hawley Smart. A budget of smart stories with plots drawn from the race-course, and from other incidents of the lighter side of life and society. There is not a dull page in the book, and the luxuriously large type in which it is printed will make it a welcome companion on a railway journey.

MAGAZINES FOR SEPTEMBER.

ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINES.

In The Portfolio (Seeley & Co.) a remarkably beautiful engraving, from an original drawing in red chalk by P. Rajon, the well-known etcher, forms the first plate; and although Mr. Hamerton describes it as belonging to that kind of work which appeals only to those who have cultivated a taste for art, it is precisely that quality which will win for it the suffrages of his readers. 'Quality, not quantity,' may be said to be the characteristic of Messrs. Seeley's choice serial; and a bit of pencilling like this, fresh from its creator, is a welcome contribution. The second picture is an etching of a Venetian Canal, by Lucien Gautier, an artist new to The Portfolio, but frequently employed in L'Art. It is a faithful reproduction. In forcible contrast to both pictures is the 'Window Garden' of Mr. Arthur Stocks, a sketch of the ideal English labourer, pipe in hand, with an ideal wife and

baby bending over the little window garden with its wicker fence and lattice, finished off with a lamp over the gate-way, which suggests that the workman, despite his rural look, knows the ways of the big city. It is a pretty scene, but the group has a suspicion of being posed for the artist, which detracts from the ease and naturalness of the effect. The letterpress of the number consists of a critical estimate of Jean Goujon and his work at Rouen Cathedral and at Paris, which will repay the perusal of all genuine artistreaders, whether professional or amateur; an historical sketch of the 'Painter-Stainers' Company' and its pictures in Painters' Hall, Little Trinity Lane—which might be fitly followed up by similar articles on the pictures and plate of several other City Guilds, as, for instance, the Stationers' Company; and an exhaustive paper on the famous Church of San Vitale at Vienna. This latter article is illustrated by engravings of two of the mosaics in the church. One of the notes in the 'Art Chronicle' serves to remind us that Mr. Poynter's and Sir F. Leighton's designs for the decoration of the dome of St. Paul's are now to be seen in the Cathedral, where they will be allowed to remain for some time for public inspection and consideration.—Messrs. Macmillan & Co. are to be congratulated on having brought to a successful issue the first year of their English Illustrated Magazine, one of the most gracious and graceful of recent additions to our serial literature. In this, the twelfth number, the chief plate is one of Mr. George Leslie's charming English girl faces, and as it is destined to be the frontispiece of the volume, it is satisfactory to have a specimen of a national artist's work with an unmistakably national subject. The opening paper is English too, and 'The Tour of Covent Garden,' by Mr. Austin Dobson, tells the story of the market at a fitting moment, seeing that it is at the present time in a transition state. The illustrations include a plan of the parish, dating nearly two centuries ago; two views of the church, one of which gives us the scene at a Westminster election, when the polling booths were placed against the portico; and several engravings from pictures of market scenes of more recent date. Mr. Dobson, whose prose is as pleasant as his verse, gives an interesting résumé of the history of the market, and among the reminiscences of the neighbouring streets is one of No. 20 Russell Street, where Lamb once lodged,

commanding from his windows, to his intense satisfaction, both Covent Garden and Drury Lane Theatres, while Davies, the bookseller and quondam actor, whose 'very pretty wife' survives in a couplet of Churchill, had his shop on the south side, opposite 'Tom's.' It was in Davies' back parlour that Boswell was first introduced to Johnson, and it was here, also, that the 'great Cham of Literature' might have been heard inquiring the price of a thick stick (such as were sold in the neighbouring Piazza) in order to protect himself against the insolence of Foote. Here, too, came the arrogant Warburton (in a coach 'sprinkled with mitres'), and Goldsmith and Reynolds, and Beauclere and Bennet Langton.

It was at No. 17 in the same street, a popular coffee-house, that Johnson, Goldsmith, and Sir Philip Francis were in the habit of meeting; and over against 'Tom's,' as No. 17 was called, was Button's, established by Daniel Button, an old servant of Addison, who, with his 'little senate'—Carey, Philips, Budgell, Tickell, and the rest—patronised the house. In an article on 'The Women of Chaucer,' the Rev. Alfred Ainger discourses pleasantly on the bevy of fair damsels introduced by the writer of 'The Canterbury, Tales,' while Mr. Rylands' charming drawings set.

them before us with right comely face and figure. All lovers of the poet will endorse Mr. Ainger's wish, that he may be more widely read, but we question whether he is right in his affirmation that 'if ever it should become the fashion to know Chaucer, the intelligent reader will discover that two days' study of his English will be all that is necessary to the ample enjoyment of him.' We, on the contrary, hold with Charles Lamb, that it is the 'very indifferent spelling' which keeps the ordinary reader from dipping into his pages, and if, for the multitude, Mr. Ainger would modernise a complete edition of the 'Tales,' he would, probably, do much to promote the end which he has in view. Mr. Lang on 'Cricket,' ancient and modern; a pretty 'Village Story,' entitled 'Friede,' by Mary Hullah; and the closing chapter of 'The Armourer's Prentices,' from which we part with no great sorrow, complete the number.— Harper's New Monthly Magazine (Low, Marston, Searle, & Rivington) gives us a specimen of the work of a famous American portrait-painter in 'an ideal head,' delicately engraved, as the frontispiece of the present number; and a portrait of the painter himself, with his fine head and expressive countenance, also illustrates the interesting sketch of his life. Fifteen years spent in farm work may seem to be a singular preparation for an artistic career; but this was Fuller's apprenticeship, and his biographer attributes much of his after success to the firmness with which he followed what he held to be the path of duty—a success unhappily destined to be cut short by a comparatively early death. Among the travel sketches of the number we have 'A Run Ashore at Queenstown,' with some pretty glimpses of scenery and character in the illustrations, and some interesting information in the letterpress; and then there is the first of a series of papers on 'Wheat Fields of Columbia' which give a graphic account of that picturesque emigrants' land, its scenery, and its people. The 'Artist's Strolls in Holland' tells us something of the domestic life of the humbler classes in the minor towns; and the pictures of the women-folk at their work, 'hanging out the clothes' and 'gathering cabbages, are capitally drawn. A genuine English contribution is given in another paper on 'The Great Hall of William Rufus,' with an abundance of illustrations of kings, dukes, and cardinals and chancellors. Such portraits as those of Wolsey after Houbraken, More after Holbein, and the young Edward VI., are equal to anything which even Harper has produced. 'A Personal Reminiscence of Charles Reade,' with a portrait of the well-known author, coming as it does from the pen of Robert Buchanan, will find many grateful readers not only among his literary friends, but with the public to whom this brief tribute, with its truthful record of Reade's eccentricities, will be welcome. Like other eminent persons, he had a weakness for buying things which he did not want, on the comforting plea that some day they would 'come in useful,' and on one occasion he filled a wastepaper basket with new boots, which he had ordered wholesale, after a pattern that took his fancy. Mr. Buchanan warmly repudiates the suggestion that his friend was only 'a copious pamphleteer,' and he explains his failure to attain high rank as an author to his lack of acquaintance with the art which is called 'humouring one's reputation,' and 'which, in our England,' adds Mr. Buchanan, ' has enabled little men to sit in the great places, and mediocre men to reap the honours of ephemeral godhead. A little talent, a great deal of reticence, a spice of '

coterie glory, plus a large amount of public ignorance, soon constitute a bogus reputation which resembles the bogus residences run up by speculative builders where everything is perfectly finished to the eye, in admirable taste and temper, but where nothing in the long run will stand wind and water.' Mr. Buchanan's paper is, however, personal rather than critical; and it is as a friend rather than as a fellow author that he thus smartly descends upon those whom he not naturally regards as the traducers of Mr. Reade. A gossiping paper on Trouville, some pleasant poems and fiction, and another section of 'Judith Shakespeare,' complete a good number of this truly international and cosmopolitan magazine.—The Magazine of Art (Cassell & Co.) has an admirable engraving of Cecil Lawson's painting, 'The Minister's Garden,' and many interesting papers and illustrations.

MAGAZINES.—In the Cornhill (Smith, Elder, & Co.) Mr. Payn's contributors are 'down on the Parsons.' The opening story, 'The Curate of Churnside,' sets before us a most repulsive specimen of the parsonic genus who coolly determines to marry for policy rather than love; reads the will of his uncle, the vicar, when the old man's back is turned; determines to alter it in his own favour by an impudent forgery, for the successful perpetration of which he practises assiduously; next sharpens a kuife to murder his uncle and studies medical books to see the precise point at which a wound would be mortal; next murders the old man while walking with him in the grounds, and then, when he has accidentally cut the vicar's dog in killing his master, proceeds calmly to take him to the veterinary surgeon, telling a man on the way that he must hasten, or he will be late for evensong'! He is, however, saved from this piece of blasphemy, for the vicar's body has been discovered and the murderous curate has to take off his surplice and go back to the house. Meanwhile, an unlucky poacher has come across the dead body, on which he has accidentally stamped, and fearing lest he might himself be suspected, gives no alarm, but in retreating is seen by a servant, who naturally suspects him and secures his arrest. When the trial comes on, the curate conceives the idea of swearing that he saw the poacher at intervals during the day of the murder and at times which made it impossible that he could have committed the crime, and thus a verdict of 'Not Guilty' is returned. A bribe to the poacher to leave the country, coupled with a virtual admission of his own guilt, opens the miserable curate's eyes to the reality of his crime; he lacks courage to make the offer of marriage to pave the way for which, by gaining his uncle's property, he had hitherto persuaded himself to be his motive for the crime; and then-after several other episodes-he comes suddenly upon the bowie knife with which he murdered his uncle, which a rabbit has uncovered, and proceeds calmly to commit suicide. Verily it is a strange story, and will be voted by many readers to be 'too bad to be true.' The other anti-parsonic item is a poem based on the theory that a married clergyman has no chance of popularity, but the narrative is open to the criticism that the congregation who leave the church when they discover that 'the Deceitful Vicar' is engaged are even more contemptible than the vicar who concealed the state of his affections. Articles on Dynamite, on 'Our First Glacier Expedition,' a 'Visit to Norway,' and a descriptive sketch of 'The Bohemian Forest,' complete the number.

_Longman's Magazine contains Mr. Henry James's reflections upon Mr. Walter Besant's recent lecture and pamphlet on 'The Art of Fiction,' with the general lines of which he agrees, and he claims for the novel the highest possible ground as a presentation of the author's conception of life, just as the canvas presents the conception of the painter. Like Mr. Besant, he demands that fiction shall be classed as one of the fine arts. A readable paper on 'The Chase of the Wild Red Deer, of which Dr. Palk Collyns has written so fully, and contributions of fiction by Clark Russell, Bret Harte, and Mrs. Oliphant, are among the other items of a number which is not perhaps quite up to the average in brightness and readableness.—Sunday (Warne & Co.), edited by Mr. W. W. Tulloch (son of Principal Tulloch), is a two penny monthly on the Good Words lines, with plenty of family articles, pictures, and poems. An article on Scottish "Homes of Peace"'—the kirkyards and other burying places—is worthy of note.—The Sunday Magazine (Isbister & Co.) has a seasonable sketch of 'Kentish Hop-picking,' and a paper on 'Penny Dinners for Children,' with the usual budget of fiction and religious pages.—Good Words contains a sketch of Ceylon, with its title borrowed from the well-known hymn of Bishop Heber, as 'The Isle of Spicy Breezes,' in which Mr. Lucy uses up some of his travel experiences; and a paper on 'The "State Socialists,"' which will add materially to the knowledge of those—and they are not a few who talk glibly of Socialism, but know very little of its real character. In his article on 'Finding out the Shape and Size of the Earth,' Professor Green is pleasantly learned, and makes learning pleasant.—Eastward Ho! (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.) continues the 'New Crusade,' by Peter the Hermit, who, in this month's essay, attacks the proceeding of building churches when there is a practical certainty that they will never be filled. His plan, on the other hand, is to build a few enormous cathedral-like structures, with plenty of associated mission rooms, with a clergyman— 'not a lay-reader, mind you,' he adds—in charge of each. A paper on The People's Entertainment Society, by Countess Cowper, repeats information which has already been published many times, and the same may be said of the papers on 'Open Spaces' and 'The Church Army in East London.'—The Quiver (Cassell & Co.) commences to tell us 'The Story of the London City Mission,' which it characterises as 'a romance.' A description of 'The Glasgow Free Breakfast Table' describes an institution which unfortunately is only too necessary in every large city. — Cassell's Family Magazine (Cassell & Co.) offers a goodhumoured criticism on England, and the English as they are, by the Hon. P. Carteret Hill, formerly Premier of Nova Scotia. 'Soup-making,' 'Photography,' and 'Our Sailors and Ships,' supply subjects for useful and entertaining papers.— Little Folks (Cassell & Co.) tells the children of some 'Royal Funerals in Westminster Abbey,' and gives a readable description of 'A Day on board H.M.S. Britannia,' which will be entertaining in all families which have sent a cadet to the fine training ship.—Mission Life, Home and Foreign (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.), tells of 'Church' Organisation in the West Indies and South Africa,' and gives a sketch by a medical man of 'A Voyage to Canada with Church Emigrants.'—The Antiquary (Elliot Stock) recalls the remark of one of Dickens' characters, who

described the lion and the unicorn as 'a collection of fabulous animals,' for it opens with a paper on 'The Griffin,' which it terms 'a fictitious animal composed of the eagle and the A very entertaining paper on 'Some Ancient Trees' is contributed by Mr. William Brailsford, and 'A Journey to Manchester and Liverpool in 1792' is a pleasant reminiscence. 'The Hazlitts in America a Century since,' and a paper on 'Bishop Latimer at Thurcaston, Leicestershire'—one of a series on 'Celebrated Birthplaces'—are among other good things in a very good number. -Young England (S. S. Union) contains a capital paper on 'Doves and Pigeons, by Dr. Gordon Stables — La Saison (13 Bedford Street, Covent Garden) presents its readers with a well-engraved plate, 'Introducing the Suitor,' from Franz Defregger's picture, and with a budget of coloured fashions patterns and directions for their manufacture.— A large coloured plate adorns the number of The Boy's Own Paper (The Religious Tract Society), entitled 'The Ribbons of our leading Rowing Clubs.' The two capital stories, viz., 'Harold, the Boy-Earl,' and the 'Tigerskin,' running through the Boy's Own Paper, still continue to afford plenty of good reading.—A capital story called 'Love's Sunshine,' which is completed in four parts, opens this number of the Girl's Own Paper.—Together with an elaborately coloured plate in this number of Sunday at Home, there is a good tale, entitled, 'The King's Service,' a tale of the Thirty Years' War, which ought to be well read, as ought an interesting article on St. Columba by the Rev. A. Maclaren.—The September number of Leisure Hour contains plenty of good, sound, and interesting matter.

We have also received:—Bibliothèque Universelle et Revue Suisse (Stanford) with the usual summary from Italy, Paris, Germany, England, Switzerland, &c.—The Sea, illustrated (Cassell & Co.) new part, dealing with Arctic exploration and adventure.

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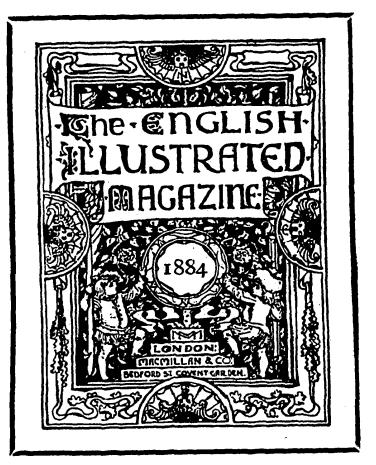
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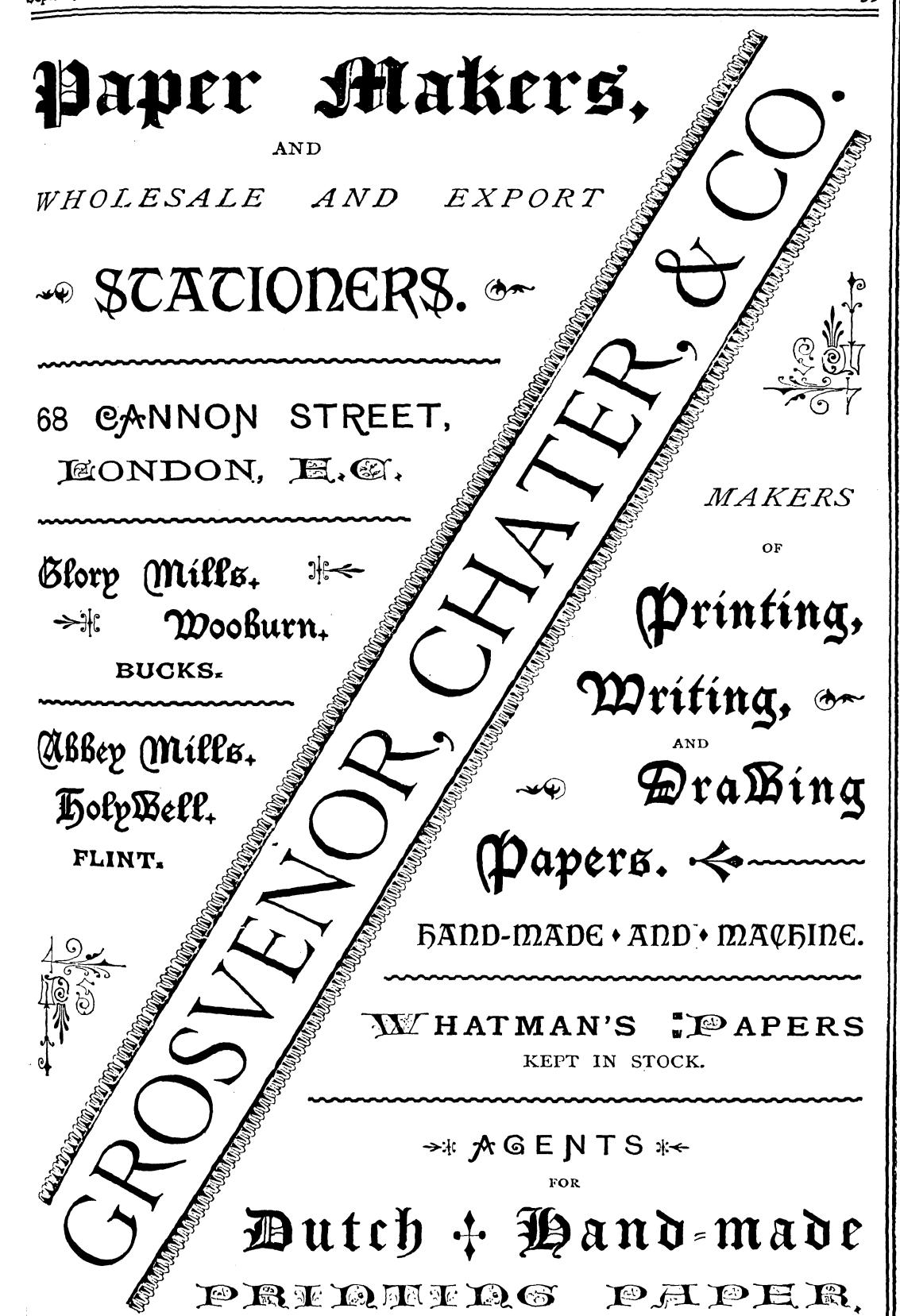
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