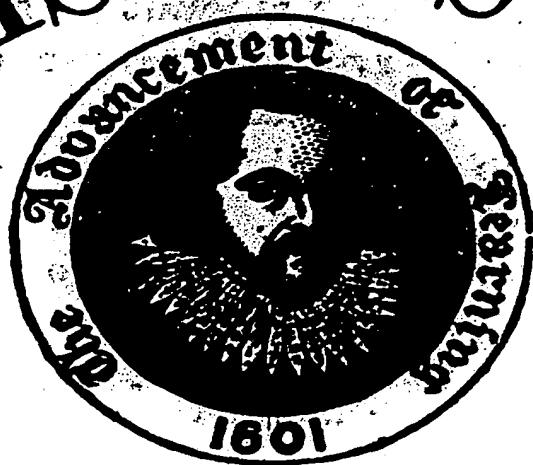


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TO OUR READERS.

WE beg to announce to our readers that several new features will be brought forward in connection with the *Publishers' Circular* on and after the issue of our next number.

In the first place, it may be mentioned that each number will appear in a coloured wrapper, which will give it a livelier and more attractive appearance.

Respecting the character and arrangement of the contents, the editorial supervision will continue to be steadily directed towards giving a succinct collection of news and notes affecting the numerous and varied subjects which are of special importance or interest to the trade. But, besides this, it is our intention to introduce some new literary features which will, it is confidently hoped, add materially to the usefulness of the *Publishers' Circular* as a trade journal.



For example : we propose to allot a certain amount of space to the publication of *TRADE NOTES and QUERIES*. Everyone who observes the progress of modern journalism must be struck with the increased usefulness and value of those columns which are devoted to inter-communication between readers, and to editorial replies to exigent questions. In relation to the book trade, with its wide range of subjects, both in bibliography and in the practical department of business, columns such as these devoted to one special department must have a distinct value. The editor will therefore be glad to give attention to any questions sent by his readers. But, while endeavouring to notice in some way all such communications, he reserves the right in publication to give preference to those questions and answers which may be of general interest.

Another matter which will in future receive particular attention from the editor will be the systematic publication of information regarding the auction sales of book collections throughout the United Kingdom. By this means a convenient reference will be supplied for the use of the large number of booksellers who are interested in watching the distribution of bibliographical rarities.

The foregoing exemplify some of the additions that will take place in connection with the *Publishers' Circular*, which will, however, be open for further changes, such as may contribute to its general utility.

The Memorial Services held on Friday in St. Paul's Cathedral, in the old Collegiate Church at Westminster, and in many of the mother churches of the English counties, as a mark of respect to General Gordon and the other 'braves' who have fallen in the Soudan, were rather popular than official, for although the Princess of Wales was present at St. Paul's Cathedral, and many eminent men were amongst the congregation at Westminster, they attended in their private capacity. The sermons delivered on the occasion would, with some of the more noteworthy utterances in the provincial cathedrals, form a welcome addition to what is rapidly developing into 'a Gordon literature ;' and among the latter addresses that of the Bishop of Manchester is one of the most remarkable. The Bishop applied to Gordon what he justly described as Wordsworth's 'inimitable ode' on 'The Happy Warrior :'

Who is the happy warrior? Who is he
Whom every man in arms should wish to be?
It is the generous spirit who, when brought
Among the tasks of real life, hath wrought
Upon the plan that pleased his childish thought,
Whose high endeavours are an inward light
That makes the path before him always bright.

In sketching the hero of Khartoum, the Bishop pointed out that his life and his course of action seemed to have been fashioned on the teaching of two books on which his soul had fed—the Bible, which was his constant companion and study, and 'The Imitation of Christ'—the authorship of the latter 'wonderful treatise' being, it may be noted, unhesitatingly ascribed by his Lordship to Thomas à Kempis. The thought that these heroes of the sword and of the battle-field are thus influenced by the humbler soldiers of the pen will scarcely be ungrateful to those whose pursuits belong to the quieter field of books ; for it adds not a little to the dignity and far-reaching effect of the author's vocation, whether he be inspired or uninspired—and who shall say where, in a certain sense, inspiration ceases?—to know and feel that the lives of the men of action are influenced, if not actually moulded, by the works of the men of thought and reflection. The Bishop of Manchester has done good service by directing attention to this view of Gordon's career ; for it goes far not only to add to the lustre of the profession of Letters, but also to increase the importance which all wise men attach to the companionship of books.

The annual general meeting of the Booksellers' Provident Institution was held on March 12 at 65 Old Bailey, Mr. Robert Farran in the chair. The report of the directors, which was unanimously adopted, expresses some concern as to the future welfare of the Institution, arising from insufficiency of income to meet requirements. The total receipts during the year amounted to £1,622. 0s. 2d., which included a donation of £20 from Her Majesty the Queen, patroness of the Institution, and a legacy of £100 from the late Mr. H. G. Bohn. The expenditure during the same period has been £1,652. 4s. 6d., of which £1,455. 10s. was disbursed in relief granted to twenty-seven members and fifty-two widows of Members, and £196. 14s. 6d. expenses of management, leaving a deficiency of £30. 4s. 4d. The report concludes by earnestly appealing for liberal subscriptions from members and all interested in literature to provide for its necessitous members. The number of recipients has been increased during the past year owing to the great depression of trade, to whom the directors would have made larger grants had the funds permitted.

If Burns was a poet of the people, he has received literally from the people a testimonial to his continued popularity, and to the high value set upon his works, for the monument unveiled on the 7th inst. at Westminster Abbey is the result of a subscription limited to a shilling from each subscriber. It may be said literally that prince and peasant gave their contributions, for the name of the Prince of Wales stands at the head of the list of over 20,000 admirers of the poet who sent their shillings from every quarter of the globe. The position chosen for the memorial is most honourable in its near associations. It is on the screen against which the monument to Shakspeare stands to the spectator's right, and immediately above that of Thomson, Southey's being at a corresponding elevation to the left. The bust, which is the work of Sir John Steell, R.S.A., after a study of Nasmyth's portrait, bears merely the name with the dates of the birth and death of the poet. The ceremony of inaugurating the memorial included a meeting in the Jerusalem Chamber, where Sir Theodore and Lady Martin, Sir George Harrison (Lord Provost of Edinburgh), and other distinguished persons were present. The Earl of Rosebery performed the grateful task of handing the bust over to the Dean, and in doing so said that the subscribers felt that they were bringing 'the very choicest gift which they could offer to the shrine of the empire.' Dean Bradley, in his address, admitted that the homage was tardily rendered; but, as a consolation to Scotchmen, reminded them that for a century and a half the dust of Chaucer lay unmarked and unhonoured by any monument; that nearly as long a period went by before any record of Shakspeare found a place on their walls; that even Milton's name was for more than two generations unnoticed, except for a passing reference in the inscription to a forgotten poet. Referring to the estimation in which Dean Stanley held the poetry of Burns, whom he did not shrink from placing, in virtue of his many poems, among 'the universal teachers of all churches,' Dr. Bradley concluded with an eloquent tribute to the genius of the poet.

Dealing with the difficulty experienced in deciding the exact sizes of books, which at present vary, in consequence of the want of uniformity in the dimensions of paper, the Associated Librarians of Great Britain, at a recent conference, have fixed upon the following uniform and arbitrary rules for measurement and description:—

Large folio	...	...	La. fol.	...	...	Over 18 inches.
Folio	...	...	Fol.	...	...	Below 18 "
Small folio	...	...	Sm. fol.	...	...	" 13 "
Large quarto	...	...	La. 4to.	...	...	" 15 "
Quarto	...	...	4to.	...	...	" 11 "
Small quarto	...	...	Sm. 4to.	...	...	" 8 "
Large octavo	...	...	La. 8vo.	...	...	" 11 "
Octavo	...	...	8vo.	...	...	" 9 "
Small octavo	...	...	Sm. 8vo.	...	...	" 8 "
Duodecimo	...	...	12mo.	...	...	" 8 "
Decimo octavo	...	...	18mo.	...	...	Is 6 "
Minimo	...	...	Mo.	...	...	Below 6 "

The above arrangement may have its merits as far as librarians are concerned, but it seems to us to be too indefinite and arbitrary for acceptance by publishers or booksellers.

'FOXING' IN BOOKS.—In a communication to *Notes and Queries*, Mr. Julian Marshall says: 'Foxing' in prints and books is caused sometimes by damp, but often by rust. If due to the former cause, the blotches quickly enough disappear under the influence of water; the paper should then be sized again to restore the strength it will have lost in the bath. But when the stains are due to rust, more drastic measures are taken. Had these remained a closer 'trade secret,' there would be many more sound prints and books extant than there are now in the world. The means employed only too commonly to kill rust and other stains are chloride of lime and strong acids and alkalis. Before the book or print which has been purified by these agents can be safely bound or restored to the portfolio, every trace of their action must be removed or neutralised. Should this not be thoroughly and completely accomplished, decay begins at once, and continues slowly but without intermission; the strength goes out of the paper, the colour from the ink, and the whole fabric fades, rots, and crumbles away, until nothing but a shadow of the original remains, soon to vanish altogether. This 'trade secret' has been so generally abused by some modern French binders, that every collector must have seen, among old books rebound by them, a lamentable number of volumes which have undergone its pernicious influence, and which will have ceased to exist before another century has passed, no matter how carefully they may be preserved by their owners. It is a 'secret' which has done almost as much harm to books as moth, or rust, or worm; its propagation is to be deprecated, and one cannot help hoping most fervently that amateurs may never learn to use it.

When it was announced that the recently formed Scottish Geographical Society intended to issue a magazine in connection with its work, a good deal of speculation was rife as to its possible character. The appearance of the first number of the *Scottish Geographical Magazine*

is, however, most satisfactory. While the place of honour is appropriately given to Mr. H. M. Stanley's great inaugural address to the Society, the magazine contains a good deal more that is both interesting and practical. It bears the signs of being carefully edited, and is very tastefully printed by the Messrs. Constable.

There is no foundation for the report that the proposal for Mr. H. O. Forbes' expedition to New Guinea has been withdrawn. Mr. Forbes says that he will start as soon as ever the narrative of his recent five years' work has been published by Messrs. Sampson Low & Co. This work is entitled 'A Naturalist's Wanderings in the Eastern Archipelago,' and it is expected to be ready early in April.

At the hospitals and camps now occupied by our troops in the Soudan, there is a great want of English newspapers. The doctors and others in charge of the hospitals at Wady Halfa and elsewhere unite in stating that they would be extremely grateful for contributions of daily and weekly newspapers and periodicals, and materials for such games as chess, draughts, cribbage, &c., which, as one of the surgeons writes, are almost as much needed as medicines, especially in cases of convalescence. Lady Brassey has kindly undertaken to receive at 24 Park Lane any such contributions, and to have them carefully packed and forwarded to Korti, Wady Halfa, Suakim, and other places where camps and hospitals may be formed.

Messrs. Trübner & Co. are sending 300 volumes out to Egypt for the use of the Colonial Volunteers during the dull days and nights of waiting which are likely to be their fate in the Soudan.

A new paper is announced under the title of *The Anarchist*. It is to be 'a journal of anti-political Socialism, and its mission is to advocate the abolition of the State.' The State, in its promoters' view, is 'simply a conspiracy of the few to deny to the great social mass natural self-government.'

General Gordon's diaries have just reached the War Office. These records occupy six large volumes. The *Daily Telegraph* informs us that General Gordon was no mean artist, and he was exceedingly fond of dashing off sketches illustrating his observations. This pleasant facility finds abundant play in the voluminous and profoundly interesting tomes which are at once a chronicle of the daily life of the beleaguered city and a record of his own impressions and reflections upon Soudanese affairs. On the 16th of February the sixth and last volume was mailed from Korti. It is a detailed chronicle of the events in Khartoum from the 5th of November, the day after General Gordon wrote to Lord Wolseley, till the 14th of December. The other volumes, which are in extent a miniature library, are in Lord Wolseley's hands, and will be duly forwarded to London. The whole of the telegrams that passed between General Gordon and Sir Evelyn Baring find a place in these pages, as well as a copy of the scheme for the government of the Soudan by Zebehr.

It may be convenient to remind our readers that the sale of the large collection of pictures and other works of art formed during the last fifty years by the late Mr. Henry G. Bohn, to which we referred in our last issue, will take place at Messrs. Christie's next Thursday and succeeding days. The paintings and drawings comprise numerous examples of nearly every school, and among other objects of interest are paintings on porcelain, Limoges enamels, and illuminations from ancient missals.

In the last number of *Abou Naddara*, the Arab newspaper printed in Paris, M. Sanua states that he saw the Mahdi in 1868. The latter was then on his way to Mecca, and attracted universal attention as a Mussulman devotee. In conversation he proved himself an accomplished Arab scholar and theologian. M. Sanua denies that the Mahdi was ever a slave-dealer. He is of the ordinary Arab type, and has not the flat nose of the Soudanese. Seven thousand copies of this week's number are said to have been sent off to Egypt, the expectation being that, though many will be seized, a large number will reach their destination.

A prize of one hundred guineas is offered by Messrs. Kendal & Dent, watch manufacturers, 106 Cheapside, through the Balloon Society of Great Britain, for the best essay on 'Universal Time (new style) and our future Watches and Clocks.' MSS. should be sent to the secretary of the Balloon Society of Great Britain, on or before May 1, 1885.

Mr. Lawson, B.A., a son of Mr. Lawson of the *Daily Telegraph*, is a candidate for one of the divisions of St. Pancras in the Liberal interest.

'The Russians at the Gates of Herat' is the title of Mr. Charles Marvin's new book.

'For Good Consideration' is the title of a new volume of essays, founded on legal maxims, to be issued this week by Mr. Elliot Stock. The same house announces for immediate publication a new novel, drawn from Algerine life, entitled 'Madame Naudet.'

Messrs. Edmond & Spark, Aberdeen, have in the press a volume on 'Introduction of the Art of Printing into Scotland,' by Dr. Robert Dickson. It will be fully illustrated.

The attack on Professor Drummond's 'Natural Law' in the *Contemporary Review* does not appear to have diminished the demand for the work, for we understand that a single house in the Row has since placed in the hands of the publishers an order for two thousand copies.

Messrs. George Routledge & Sons will publish this week an edition of Sterne's 'Sentimental Journey,' with nearly 250 illustrations by Maurice Leloir. The French edition of this work, published by M. H. Launette, Paris, was noticed in the columns of our last illustrated Christmas number.

It is not intended to publish any handbooks in connection with this year's exhibition at South Kensington such as were issued under the authority of the Council of the Health

Exhibition. There will instead be separate prefaces to most of the sections of the catalogue, and these introductory notices of the various groups of exhibits are being contributed by gentlemen well known to have special knowledge of the subjects with which they will deal. Nearly half the manuscripts of the prefaces are in fact already in the hands of Mr. Trendell, the literary superintendent of this as of the two immediately preceding exhibitions of the series. Among those who are writing group prefaces are Sir William Armstrong, C.B. (hydraulic machines, &c.), Sir E. J. Reed, M.P. (naval architecture), Col. Sir Henry Nugent, R.E. (fire-arms, military weapons and equipment, and explosives), Professor Oliver Lodge (electricity), Mr. A. Vernon Harcourt (gas and other illuminants), Captain Douglas Galton, F.R.S., C.B. (railway plant), Professor G. Carey Foster, F.R.S. (philosophical instruments and apparatus), Capt. Abney, R.E., F.R.S. (photography), Mr. Barclay Squire (musical instruments and appliances, &c.), Professor Armstrong, F.R.S. (applied chemistry and physics), Professor Unwin (machine tools and machinery), Mr. Swire Smith (manufacture of textile fabrics), Dr. Hugo Müller, F.R.S. (paper, printing, bookbinding, &c.), Mr. E. Rigg (clocks and other time-keepers), Professor H. S. Hele Shaw (elements of machines), Mr. G. Snelus (fuel, furnaces, &c.), Mr. W. Y. Dent (leather), Mr. E. Lester Arnold (toys, sports, &c.), Mr. H. M. Jenkins (agriculture, horticulture, and arboriculture), Mr. H. Bauermann, F.C.S. (mining and metallurgy), Mr. A. Aitchison (engineering construction and architecture), and Mr. W. Anderson, M.Inst.C.E., on prime movers and means of distributing their power.

Messrs. Bemrose & Son have arranged with Mr. William Arthur to issue a new and uniform edition of his works. The first volume will be a new book entitled 'Religion without God and God without Religion' in three parts: 1. Positivism and Mr. Frederic Harrison; 2. Agnosticism and Mr. Herbert Spencer; 3. Deism and Sir James Fitzjames Stephen. This work will be followed by a new edition of the 'Tongue of Fire.'

Mr. Richard Jefferies has been engaged in writing a new work entitled 'After London, or Wild England.' The first portion of the book is named by its author 'The Relapse into Barbarism,' the second part 'Wild England.' Messrs. Cassell & Company will be the publishers.—*Athenæum*.

The first part of a new serial issue of 'The Family Physician, a Manual of Domestic Medicine by Physicians and Surgeons of the Principal London Hospitals,' is to make its appearance on the 26th inst. The work has already gained an established reputation as a sound and reliable guide for family use.

Messrs. Marion & Co. have just published a tasteful card *In Memoriam* of the late General Gordon. It consists of a portrait of the General, in the dress of a pasha, which was taken at Khartoum not long after the commencement of his last mission. Opposite the portrait are a few simple lines, a species of rhymed inscription in the form of an epitaph. The lines are a summary, in the concisest shape, of the object of General Gordon's last expedition, and of its lamentable issue. It is worth while, perhaps, to recall that in Parliament, not many days ago, the words 'pacific mission' were used with regard to the task which cost General Gordon his life. Messrs. Marion & Co.'s memorial card doubles into the usual size of a carte de visite portrait. It is quite inexpensive.

Harper's Magazine for April will contain an interesting article upon the Prince of Wales at Sandringham, written by Dr. Wm. Howard Russell and copiously illustrated with portraits, sketches, &c., by eminent artists. There is also the usual variety of stories, poems, and descriptive articles, with numerous attractive illustrations, among which is a finely engraved portrait of Abraham Lincoln, from a photograph taken before his election to the presidency of the United States.

The Council have just issued to the Members of the Harleian Society the first volume of the Christenings at St. James, Clerkenwell, from 1551 to 1700, and the continuation up to 1754 will form volume II., and is nearly all in the press. The 'Visitations of Bedfordshire' in 1566, 1582, and 1634, are now being issued to Members, and that of 'Dorsetshire' in 1623, is also nearly completed. It is proposed to print the Weddings which have taken place at St. George's, Hanover Square, from the commencement of the Registers, and G. Leveson Gower, F.S.A., will edit the volume. The Registers of Christ Church, Newgate Street, are transcribed and will shortly be put in the press.

We are pleased to hear that the report that Miss Louisa M. Alcott is seriously ill is entirely without foundation, and has caused Miss Alcott much annoyance. She is perfectly well, with the slight exception of a touch of the writer's cramp in the right arm and hand, to which fact is due the long-continued delay in the appearance of her next book, entitled 'Joe's Boys,' a sequel to 'Little Men.' She says that this cramp was brought on by replying to the many hundreds of requests for autographs she has received, and she is now obliged to make it a rule never to reply, for they come in such numbers as greatly to inconvenience her.

The new volume by the late editor of the *Expositor*, of which mention has already been made, is being rapidly passed through the press, and will be published early next month by Mr. T. Fisher Unwin, under the appropriate title of 'Expositions.' It consists of thirty original discourses on subjects of varying interest, treated in the manner which Dr. Samuel Cox has made his own.

The Court of Assistants of the Stationers' Company at their last meeting was strengthened by the admission thereto of Messrs. George Singer, Guildford B. Richardson, and Robert F. Cooke. Mr. John Murray, jun., has been elected one of the stockkeepers for the Yeomanry.

The first election to the late Mr. James Figgins' gift of £24 per annum for aged, sick, or

worn-out compositors resulted in R. A. Kirkaldy, Charles H. Law, Charles J. Osborne, and William J. Beeson, aged respectively 63, 67, 80, and 80 years, being chosen. The pension will be paid half-yearly in March and September.

Messrs. Cassell & Co. announce to appear to day 'Trajan,' a novel, by Henry F. Keenan, part of which novel was published anonymously in the *Manhattan Magazine* and caused no little comment at the time. The author has had a romantic career. He served in the Northern army when a boy of fourteen, and, after the war, became a journalist, in which direction he has been unusually successful. The scene of 'Trajan' is laid in Paris during the Franco-Prussian war, which Mr. Keenan reported for two New York papers.

Timber, a weekly journal devoted to the timber and kindred interests, has appeared, published at 15 Crosby Hall Chambers, Bishopsgate Street, E.C.

The first number has appeared of *Jack and Jill*, an illustrated weekly for boys and girls.

A Spanish edition of Her Majesty's last work is in the press, and will probably appear next month.

Readers of the newspapers will be interested to hear that Messrs. Marion & Co., of Soho Square, have published an excellent cabinet portrait of Lucille Dudley, the assailant of O'Donovan Rossa. There are two varieties of this photograph.

Mr. Whitaker's new 'Reference Catalogue' will be delivered to the trade in the course of a few days. The size of the volume may be judged by the fact that it weighs just ten pounds, and contains the lists of one hundred and twenty-eight publishers.

Mr. Phil Robinson, who acted for the *Daily Telegraph* during the Afghan war, has proceeded to the Soudan as an additional special correspondent for that journal.

The Rev. J. Jackson Wray is writing a new serial story, entitled 'Under the Surface,' for the columns of the *Christian Million*.

Messrs. Griffith, Farran, & Co. announce that, in accordance with the wishes of a large number of teachers, they are issuing a shorter edition of the 'Standard Authors Readers.'

Messrs. F. Evans & Co., 145 Fleet Street, have commenced the publication of the 'British, Foreign, and Colonial Penny Postal Guide and A B C to the Post Office,' a popular postal guide and gazetteer. We understand it is to appear monthly.

According to a German newspaper, an enterprising firm of publishers in New York, wishing to be the first in the field with a translation of a book by a French authoress, engaged fifty-nine translators, who set about their task at one o'clock in the afternoon, and by eleven the same night the translation was in the hands of the printers; while the work, containing three hundred and fifty pages, was published in the afternoon of the following day.

The authorship, concealed under the *nom de plume* of 'A Civil Servant,' of the new sensational dynamite story '18-85,' the plot of which centres in the British Museum, is attributed to a prominent official therein.

A series of 'Leaflets for the People on Church and State Questions,' chiefly intended for distribution to the electors who will have votes under the new Representation of the People Bill, is being published in the *Banner* newspaper, and reprinted in a separate form. The Rev. the Hon. L. Neville, Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, writing in the *St. James's Gazette*, gives warm praise to the leaflets, which are, he states, from the pen of the author of 'The Englishman's Brief for his National Church.'

Sunday Bits is the title of a newspaper which has followed quickly on the heels of *Sunday Words*. It gives a portrait of a 'Man of Mark' in each issue, the first two subjects selected for honour under this title being the Rev. J. Macnaught and the Rev. Donald Fraser.

The Council of the Art Union of London have acquired the copyright of a very faithful portrait-bust of the late General Gordon, and reproductions of it in terra-cotta will be included as prizes in the next distribution. The bust will also be procurable by members of the Art Union, in lieu of the annual work, by a moderate addition to the subscription.

A statement that Mr. Matthew Arnold has been 'asked to accept' the newly-founded Merton Professorship of English Literature at Oxford, and that he has 'declined,' having appeared in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, Professor Freeman wrote to our contemporary on Saturday to say that no offer of the professorship has been made, or could have been made, to Mr. Arnold or to any other person. The Vice-Chancellor has fixed May 9 as the last day for candidates to send in their names to the registrar of the university, and no steps towards the election can be taken till after that day.

Recently compiled statistics show that there are at present 45 printing-offices at Stamboul, and 23 at Galata and Pera, from which are issued 21 periodicals, of which nine are daily newspapers. Twenty-one provinces possess official journals dealing with local affairs; and in 19 provinces annual reports are printed in connection with the administration.

The number of envelopes manufactured yearly in the United Kingdom is estimated at 700 millions, while in the United States they amount to 2,500 millions. If hand-labour were compelled to do the work now done by machines in simply making envelopes, taking no account of the printing done by some of them, the services would be required of 275,000 workpeople.

The number of periodicals of all sorts published in the Czar's empire, from the Baltic to the Pacific, from the Northern Sea down to Turkey and Persia, only equals the number published in New York city alone, viz. 625, and is but little more than twice those issued in Philadelphia. For the fifty millions population in the United States there are 12,600 periodicals; while for the hundred-and-one millions in Russia there are 625, of which only 63

are dailies. The whole of Siberia, with its four million souls, has only two newspapers and a bi-monthly of a geographical society; and the city of Harkoff, with 126,000 inhabitants and a University, has only two dailies and two monthlies. While it takes only 4,000 persons in America to support a periodical, more than 40 times that number of his Majesty's subjects are requisite to keep alive a Russian publication.

CONTINENTAL LITERARY NOTES.

'Le Livre des Pauvres' is the title of a work to be published for the benefit of the distressed operatives of Paris, which will form a handsome volume, containing contributions from the best Parisian writers and costing 100 francs.

The fifth volume of Prof. Mommsen's Roman History, being the second volume of the 'History of the Empire,' has just been published, but the fourth volume, comprising the first volume of the Empire, will not be ready for some time.

The late Polish General Dembinski, once so well known as a skilful leader of the Hungarians against the overwhelming forces of Austria and Russia during the war of independence in 1848-9, left seven volumes of strikingly interesting memoirs, which have been offered to the Buda-Pest National Museum by the Frankfort bookseller Völker for the sum of 4,000 marks.

A new literary periodical has appeared in Stockholm, edited by the novelist Geyerstam, and having among its staff of contributors the Swedish writer, A. Strindberg and the Norwegian writers, Björnson, Jonas Lie, and others.

Mr. E. A. Seeman, at Leipzig, and W. H. Köhl, at Berlin, will shortly publish a new monthly periodical devoted to the history, literature, and practical interests of industrial art. It will bear the name of *Kunstgewerbeblatt*.

A collection of autographs, some of which are expected to realise considerable prices, will be dispersed by Messrs. List & Francke, of Leipzig, on the 8th of April. About 150 of the 824 lots to be sold are musical MSS. Five of these are by Beethoven, and others are by Cherubini, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Schumann, Wagner, and Paganini.

It is well known that at the present day a successful drama is much more profitable than a good novel. One of the most successful of recent dramatic productions is 'Theodora,' now running most prosperously at the Théâtre de la Porte St. Martin, in Paris. The dramatist is Mons. Victorien Sardou, author of 'La Famille Benoiton,' 'Les Pattes de Mouche,' 'Nos Intimes,' 'Nos Bons Villageois,' and a crowd of others too numerous for mention in our restricted space and which are too well known to need it. As nearly every one at the present day can read and write, and almost every one who can wield a pen thinks himself (may we add: or herself?) equal to writing a novel or a play, it may act as a corrective to the *cacoethes scribendi* of some too confident aspirants for literary honours if we briefly relate how Sardou trained himself for his successful but arduous career. Intended for the medical profession, he early showed a great love for the stage. He frequented the theatres and made a complete study of the drama and the boards. He took as a model for imitation Scribe, whose works he anatomised as minutely as the demonstrator dissects the subject lying on the table in an anatomical theatre. It is said that he would read the list of *dramatis personæ* in a good play and peruse the first act; he would then work out the plot and write the remaining acts himself without any reference to the original until he had finished his self-allotted task, which he would then carefully compare with the model. Who can be surprised that a man so industrious and painstaking should have achieved such a striking success? M. Sardou's industry has brought him great wealth, and he now lives in princely style, passing the winter in Italy or Paris, and the summer at his magnificent residence at Marly, near Paris. But it is, after all, sheer hard work which has gained for him his present position, to which many may aspire, but not every one can hope to attain, certainly only they who train themselves as he did or our own Dickens, who, had he not been so successful as a novelist, might have become a great dramatist.

AMERICAN NEWS AND NOTES.

Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, will shortly publish the narrative of the Greely Relief Expedition, the joint production of its commander, Captain Schley, and Professor J. Russell Soley, of the U.S. Navy Department, the custodian of the official records. The book is entitled *The Rescue of Greely*, and will be illustrated from the series of photographs made by the expedition—some of them among the finest Arctic scenes ever thus reproduced. Among the books which the same firm will publish are 'American Presbyterianism: its Origin and Growth during the Colonial Period,' by Dr. C. A. Briggs; 'Two Years in the Jungle,' by Mr. W. T. Hornaday, the naturalist and traveller; a new edition of the late Prof. Arnold Guyot's book on Physical Geography, revised by Dr. William Libbey, jun., of Princeton; and the tenth and final volume of the series 'Stories by American Authors.' An index to authors and stories will be added to this volume.

From the office of the *Publishers' Weekly*, New York, is now issued the first volume of the 'Supplement to the American Catalogue.' It includes titles of about 18,000 books, recorded

as issued between July 1, 1876, and June 30, 1884, entered in the first part by title and author, and in the second by subject. The work will be completed in two volumes. The edition is limited.

Industrial America is the title of a new fortnightly journal to be issued in New York.

Mr. Appleton Morgan, author of 'The Shakspearean Myth,' has nearly ready for publication 'A History of the Shakspeare Text, from 1623 to Our Own Times.'

Messrs. Harper & Bros. announce the early publication of 'The Writings and Speeches of Samuel J. Tilden,' edited by John Bigelow. The writings include a number of important letters. The same firm have just ready 'A Popular Manual of English Literature,' which contains outlines of the literature of France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the United States, with historical, scientific, and art notes, diagrams, &c., by Maude Gillette Phillips. The work is intended to be used as a school manual, as a guide to the general reader, and as a book of reference. It is in two volumes, liberally illustrated with portraits of prominent authors.

The Book Fellows' Club is the name of a little group of book-lovers in New York who print from time to time limited editions of the selected poems of their favourite poets. They have just issued 'Songs and Ballads,' by Edmund Clarence Stedman. The little book contains thirty poems, most of which are illustrated. It is further adorned by an etched portrait of Mr. Stedman, by his book-plate, and by a graceful introductory poem written by Mr. H. C. Bunner, author of 'Airs from Arcady.'

General W. B. Hazen has written, and Messrs. James R. Osgood & Co., of Boston, will soon publish, 'A Narrative of Military Service.' It is an account of what that distinguished soldier did from the beginning to the end of the late civil war, with his observations and reflections during that stormy period. A memorial volume containing the late Mary Clemmer Hudson's literary, social, and political articles will be published this spring by the same firm, who will also bring out a new and complete edition of her works.

Messrs. Samuel Carson & Co., of San Francisco, have in press, for early publication, 'With the Invader: Glimpses of the New South-West,' by Edwards Roberts; and 'The Squatter and the Don,' a novel of Californian life, by C. Loyal.

Mr. J. H. Hickcox, of Washington, has begun the publication of a monthly catalogue of 'United States Publications,' which is intended to furnish a complete list of all the books, papers, maps, &c., issued by order of Congress or any of the Departments. Everything, from ponderous quartos to single-page reports of committees, will be included, the full title and collations being given in every instance. The catalogue is published by subscription.

Mr. A. W. Tourgée, author of 'A Fool's Errand,' &c., is contributing to the *Christian at Work* a new serial story, entitled 'Black Ice: A Domestic Story.'

Messrs. W. Wood & Co., of New York, intend to make their forthcoming 'Handbook of the Medical Sciences' a comprehensive and complete record of the present condition of medical science, the authors of it being American physicians. The undertaking is declared to be the first of an encyclopædic character that the American profession has produced.

Mrs. Amelia A. Barr has written a novel, 'Jan Vedder's Wife,' which Messrs. Dodd, Mead, & Co., New York, have in press. The scene of the story is laid in the Shetland Islands.

Messrs. Ginn, Heath, & Co., of Boston, will publish at once 'An Introduction to the Study of the Compounds of Carbon; or, Organic Chemistry,' by Professor Ira Remsen, of Johns Hopkins University.

Queries is the title of a new monthly magazine published by C. L. Sherrill & Co., Buffalo, N. Y. The chief feature is a prize question department, propounding a series of twenty-five questions each in literature, American history, science, art, music, theology, mathematics, and quotations.

Mr. O. B. Bunce, author of 'Don't,' and who was for many years the editor of *Appletons' Journal*, has written a new novel entitled 'Adventures of Timias Terrystone,' which describes the career of a New York artist.

The third volume of Schouler's 'History of the United States,' covering the period 1817-1831, will soon be published at Washington.

Mr. George W. Cable, author of 'Old Creole Days,' 'The Grandissimes,' &c., is preparing for publication what he calls a book of 'remarkable true stories, largely illustrated, of Louisiana life, which have come to me in the last fifteen years; some have been told me, some of them have come under my own observation.'

Mrs. Grace A. Oliver, the author of a recent biography of Maria Edgeworth, has ready her book on the life-work and teachings of the late Dean Stanley, and Messrs. Cupples, Upham, & Co., of Boston, will publish it at once.

Mr. William Cushing, of Cambridge, Mass., has completed his promised volume, entitled 'Initials and Pseudonyms, A Dictionary of Literary Disguises.' It will consist of two parts—an index of about 10,000 initials and pseudonyms, alphabetically arranged, and about 6,500 real names of authors, answering to the pseudonyms, with brief notices including dates of the writer's birth and death. The work will also contain the material amassed by Mr. Albert R. Frey, of the Astor Library, to which attention has already been directed in these columns. The volume will be published shortly by Messrs. T. Y. Crowell & Co., of New York.

An *Educational Weekly* has made its appearance at Toronto, Canada, intended as a high-class journal devoted to the general interests of education.

Mr. George J. Coombes, of New York, is about to publish a book entitled, 'Henry Irving

in New York,' which is a revised reprint of the several criticisms of Mr. Irving's acting in that city, written from day to day by Mr. William Winter.

Under the general title of 'The Children of the Cold,' Lieutenant Schwatka begins in the current number of *St. Nicholas* a series of illustrated articles describing the sports and occupations of the Eskimo boys and girls.

Messrs. D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, have in preparation a book entitled 'Southern Alaska and the Sitkan Archipelago,' by Miss E. R. Scidmore.

Messrs. Henry Holt & Co., New York, will publish at once a useful as well as interesting volume containing a 'Choix de Contes Contemporains,' edited by Mr. B. F. O'Connor, of Columbia College. It will contain short stories by Alfred de Musset, Théophile Gautier, Edmond About, Alphonse Daudet, François Coppée, and André Theuriet, all masters in the art of writing short stories. Mr. O'Connor will add such literary and linguistic notes as the tales may seem to demand.

Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, have in press 'Man's Birthright; or, The Higher Law of Property,' by E. H. G. Clark; also, a volume on 'Practical Hints on Composition in Pictures,' by John Burnett, edited by Susan N. Carter, of the Cooper Union Art School.

The *New York Ledger* of the 23rd ult., contained an ably-written article on George Washington, from the pen of the veteran historian, George Bancroft.

The forthcoming anniversary of the birth of John Brown will be celebrated by the publication of the hero's 'Life and Letters,' edited by Mr. Frank B. Sanborn, of Concord. The volume will comprise 450 pages, more than one-half of which will be Brown's own letters, covering the last twenty-five years of his life. Several portraits will be given, with a view of the house at Torrington, Conn., in which Brown was born. The publishers of the work will be Messrs. Roberts Bros., Boston.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of 'THE PUBLISHERS' CIRCULAR.'

1 LEICESTER SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.,
March 6th, 1885.

DEAR SIR,—Our attention has been drawn to an advertisement, in your last issue, of one of our clerks, containing an announcement that we were about to relinquish our publishing business; as this is not correct, we shall be obliged by your contradicting the statement in your next issue.

Yours truly,
BICKERS & SON.

To the Editor of 'THE PUBLISHERS' CIRCULAR.'

1 LEICESTER SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.,
March 6th, 1885.

DEAR SIR,—Will you be good enough to correct in your next issue the statement in Mr. G. Lowe's advertisement that he was manager to Messrs. Bickers & Son? I have held that position for many years past and have now the entire management, as recently announced by you. Mr. Lowe was simply managing clerk of the Wholesale Department.

Yours truly,
J. HARWOOD.

OBITUARY.

The death is announced at San Francisco of John Norton Pomeroy, LL.D., author of 'An Introduction to Municipal Law,' 1865, 'An Introduction to Constitutional Law,' 1868, a treatise on 'Remedies and Remedial Rights,' under the reformed practice, 1876, and 'Equity Jurisprudence,' 1881.

We have to record the death, on the 11th inst., of Prof. C. Cassal, LL.D., author of several well-known educational works.

TRADE CHANGES &c.

The partnership has been dissolved between Messrs. A. and W. Dawson, trading as the Typographic Etching Co., 23 Farringdon Street, and Chiswick. The business is carried on as usual by Mr. A. Dawson.

Mrs. Twiss, of Ilfracombe, informs us that she has purchased the bookselling and stationery business lately carried on by Messrs. Milligan & Co. of that town, and has taken her son into partnership. The combined businesses will in future be known as Twiss & Son.

Mr. Charles Geard informs us that, having accepted the English agency for the Paris printing-ink house of Lorilleux & Co., which already had a location at 27 Bouverie Street, he has removed his business for the Lefman process of photo-engraving to that address.

Messrs. H. Sotheran & Co., of Manchester, are about to make extensive alterations and additions to their premises at 49 Cross Street.

BOOKS RECEIVED:—

From Messrs. A. S. Barnes & Co.—'The Boys' and Girls' Atlas of the World,' by James Monteith. A capital set of coloured maps, with notes of the principal features, and a series of exercises on each chart. Geography taught on the system here set forth will be a pleasurable work to any young people, and the original features of the book will be found to make it worthy of the attention of teachers.

From Messrs. George Bell & Sons.—'Good Friday and Easter in a London Mission Room,' by Charles Mackeson. A little volume of addresses, including a series of practical meditations on the 'Seven Words from the Cross,' and several addresses to children.

From Mr. H. Cox.—'Crockford's Clerical Directory' for 1885. The seventeenth issue of this well-known work, revised to day of going to press, with a map of England and Wales divided into dioceses. We can speak from experience of the accuracy of this volume; one item especially of use to booksellers and publishers being the titles of the books written by the various clergymen.

From Messrs. Dean & Son.—Debrett's 'Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage' has now attained its 172nd year of publication. Personally revised by the nobility, it comprises information concerning all persons who bear hereditary or courtesy titles, of Companions of the various orders of knighthood and of the Indian Empire, also of all collateral branches of the families of Peers and Baronets. The volume is a portly octavo of more than 800 pages, bound in a richly emblazoned cover, with gilt edges. The editor is Mr. Robert H. Mair, LL.D. The prefatory matter contains an obituary of titled personages for 1884.

From the same.—'The House of Commons.' What we have said of Debrett's 'Peerage' applies with equal force to Dr. Man's excellent 'House of Commons,' which is as accurate and exhaustive as of yore.

From Messrs. Field & Tuer.—'Aspects of Fiction,' by R. S. de C. Laffan. Twenty-five or thirty years ago 'Thorndale; or, the Conflict of Opinions,' and 'Friends in Council,' were famous books of dialogue. If we remember rightly, one of the interlocutors of Helps' book was 'Ellesmere.' The *personæ* of 'Aspects of Fiction' are Johnston of Merton, a country clergyman; Ellison, Fellow of Corpus; Aylmer, the poet of 'Lotos Leaves'; Thorncliffe, a scapegrace undergraduate, and myself. The object of Mr. Laffan's book is to present the subject from the point of view of two or three different thinkers; and to suggest, rather than define, the manner in which their several conclusions may be made to harmonise. The motto of the work is these words from Balzac: '*Comment plaire à la fois au poète, au philosophe, et aux masses qui veulent la poésie, et la philosophie, sous de saisissantes images!*'

From the same.—'Revelation of Jesus Christ: with notes "for the 144,000 who are to be redeemed"; for "these who are being grown of God in the Lamb," and for "these who will, of necessity, be seeking knowledge of THE TIME AT HAND."' Text and notes are printed in parallel columns. The little work is, a 16mo. in limp binding.

From Messrs. Griffin & Co., Portsmouth.—'Modern Naval Tactics, Examples, Conclusions, and Maxims,' by Commander W. Bainbridge-Hoff, United States Navy, with 26 full-page diagrams. The contents are as follows: I. Definitions, &c.; II. War Vessels; III. The Ship and her Captain; IV. Evolutions; V. The Ship in Action at Sea; VI. The Admiral; VII. Formations; VIII. Evolutions; IX. The Fleet in Action at Sea; X. Duties in Time of War; XI. Defence of the Coast, Torpedo, Flotilla, &c. At the commencement of the work Commander Bainbridge-Hoff cites various high authorities *pro* and *con* on the relative value of wooden and armour-plated vessels in naval warfare. The subject of special cruisers is dwelt upon as a means of ruining an enemy's commerce. Dealing with the question of two ships against one in a sea-fight, the author gives narratives of actual engagements of that kind by way of illustration. The page plates are so inserted that any one of them can be consulted while the book is open at another place.

From Messrs. Griffith, Farran, Okeden, & Welsh.—'Geographical Reader, Book VII.,' by J. R. Blakiston, M.A. This volume, taking the student into the higher branches of physical geography, deals with the ocean and tides and currents, and the subjects are treated with the same complete grasp of their scientific bearings which marked the earlier volumes of the series. Mr. Blakiston contrives to introduce with his 'lessons' so much attractive matter of the popular type in the way of picturesque descriptions and notes of recent discoveries that his book reads almost as pleasantly as one of the ordinary 'boys' books,' in which science is dressed up under a popular guise, and the maps and illustrations will win for it additional favour.

From Mr. John Heywood.—'Analysis of the First Book of Samuel, with Notes Critical, Historical, and Geographical, also Maps and Examination Questions,' by Lewis Hughes. This, although primarily intended for use as a text-book by those who are preparing for the Oxford and Cambridge Local Examinations and the Examinations of the College of Preceptors, may be commended to all Bible readers as a most admirable companion in reading the book to which it refers. Every point of interest, historical, geographical, and critical, is explained, and the questions at the end of each chapter will be useful to test the pupil's progress.

From Messrs. Hurst & Blackett.—'Donovan: a Modern Englishman,' by Edna Lyall. Second Edition. We have heard on good authority that this book received an appreciative reading and a warm expression of approval from one of the most eminent of English Churchmen and English statesmen, and the fact that it has already reached a second edition gives an ample testimony to the justice of his encomium. Thoroughly English in style and full of clever descriptive passages, it richly deserves the reception accorded to it.

From the same.—Major Johnson's 'On the Track of the Crescent.' These 'Erratic Notes' from 'Piræus to Pesth,' illustrated from sketches by the author, are written with a light-hearted vivacity which makes them very pleasant reading. We will quote an example from that part of the book which deals with Athens:

The next day I rode off with a party under a roasting sun to see the monument of Lysikrates (*alias* the Lantern of Diogenes) and Byron's house. The former is a circular

stone construction in the shape which its name implies. It was, I suppose, originally a small temple, wherein, no doubt, Diogenes used to sit, and from the outside of which Plato, Socrates, and all the great orators, used to address the crowd. In front of the lantern is a small pink house with four windows, having green blinds. At one end of this lived Lord Byron, and at the other the famous Maid of Athens. After this we visited the Stadium, a beautiful horse-shoe-shaped amphitheatre, all built of brick and rock. It is still plainly visible, although the rows of seats are incrustured with earth and covered with grass. Here all the games and chariot races were held, and here the young men prepared for the Olympian games. The entrance from the 'green room' and 'dressing room' is quite preserved, and is tunnelled under the seats with an exit on the other side—a 'stage door.'

From Greece the author went to Constantinople, which occupies three chapters, thence to Varna, and from that to Bucharest. The greater part of Major Johnson's work is devoted to Hungary and the Slovaks. The engravings give us page pictures and smaller views of the ruins and of the exquisite scenery of Greece, while, later on, we have the costumes, dances, coins, and picturesque sites of Hungary and Roumania.

From Mr. Henry Kimpton.—'The Medical Annual and Practitioner's Index, 1884-5.' This is a year-book rather than an almanack or diary. It gives in a complete and handy form exhaustive details of the course of study at the hospitals and medical schools and of the examinations for degrees in medicine; a list, with particulars as to the objects, offices, and officers, of the scientific societies; a table of health resorts and their characteristics; a list of the inventions of the last twelve months; a concise digest of the principal cases of interest noted during the year in the medical journals; a guide to the hospitals, not only of London, but of the provincial towns; a large number of useful tables; and several admirable articles giving reviews of the progress of medical science during the year, and notes on many other matters of interest to professional men and students. It is one of the most complete and carefully edited volumes which has come under our notice.

From Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, & Co.—'Edwin Arnold Birthday Book' contains several poems written especially for this book, and a number of illustrations in a highly-finished style of wood engraving. An attractive novelty for this class of publication is the insertion in the margin of the names and dates of birth of celebrated authors, painters and musicians. Of the hitherto unpublished verses, those preceding the months of March and August are especially noteworthy, the fancy in the latter poem being particularly happy. The introduction of such verses should make the book sought for by all admirers of the author from whose works the extracts are culled.

From the same.—The Remarkable History of Sir Thomas Upmore, Bart., M.P., formerly known as "Tommy Upmore." The remarkable success which has attended Mr. Blackmore's clever volume, has made the issue of a new and cheaper edition a pleasant necessity to the publishers, and it needs no prophetic gift to foretell that in its present large and readable type it will have a very large sale. For the approaching Easter vacation no better companion, whether for a volunteer warrior or a man of peace, could possibly be chosen than 'Tommy Upmore.'

From the same.—'From Home to Home: Autumn Wanderings in the North-West in the Year 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884. By Alex. Staveley Hill, D.C.L., Q.C., M.P. Illustrated from sketches by

Mrs. Staveley Hill and photographs by A. S. H. The dedication of this handsome and attractive volume (by her Royal Highness's permission) to the Princess Louise, as 'the portraiture of a land with which her name will ever be associated,' at once identifies it with Canada, and we find that it represents the results of the annual holiday of the 'lawyer-senator' for a period of four years. Dr. Staveley Hill traces his roving propensities back to the reading of his earlier days when Serjeant Allen's 'Sportsman in Ireland' seemed to have sufficiently limited the capabilities of a long vacation to days spent in exploring and enjoying our western coasts. Some years later Serjeant Talfourd's 'Vacation Rambles' showed that a busy lawyer might then arrive at experiences of Swiss heights and German tables d'hôte. Later still, Mr. Kinglake's 'Eöthen' showed that advancing opportunities of transit had brought within reach the historic charms of Palestine and the sands of the desert. Thus inspired, our author resolved to turn his steps to the Dominion, and in his introductory chapters he gives us the results of that preliminary study of 'authorities,' which, like a wise traveller, he made before he actually started on his journey. This historical résumé from the pen of one who is by his profession accustomed to master facts and to weigh evidence is not the least valuable part of the work. All preliminaries settled, Dr. Hill made his first pilgrimage, destined to be repeated year by year, and we can promise to all who will follow him on his journeyings that they will not regret their resolve. The natural features of the country, its scenery, its family and social life, the characteristics and customs of the tribes, the capacities of the land and of the people, these and many other points are treated with genuine power, and the illustrations, all beautifully executed and 'worked' on special paper, add much to the charm of the book. At times, of course, Dr. Hill is driven to indulge in comparisons which are not always to the advantage of the dwellers on this side of the ocean, and possibly he will find many sympathisers not only in legal circles, but also among those lay people whose misfortunes compel them to have recourse to the gentlemen of the long robe, in his view of our New Law Courts as contrasted with the Temple of Justice at Chicago. 'The (Chicago) buildings,' writes Dr. Hill, 'are not only remarkable buildings outside, but are most usefully and admirably arranged inside, and much indeed did I wish that the designer of our own new courts in London (which I venture to think would be far better adapted for a home for the "bishops and clergy of all denominations" than for the purpose for which they were provided) had taken this building as a model. If Mr. Street had but had the American architect at his elbow to remind him that he was engaged on a building where utility should have the paramount claim, a different result might have been brought about and another magnificent façade fit to stand by Somerset House might have been added to the beauties of our river-embankment, instead of this Gothic jumble in a back street!' With the recent experiences of a fashionable *cause célèbre* fresh in their minds many readers will cast their vote with that of the learned author. The book, as a whole, is entertaining, full of information, and well written, and will doubtless be much in demand at the libraries.

From Messrs. Marpon & Flammarion, Paris. Arsène Houssaye, 'Contes pour les femmes.' This

is a species of minor *édition de luxe*, the page of which measures $7\frac{3}{4} \times 5\frac{3}{4}$ inches, on toned paper, and daintily printed. Part the first, now before us, is composed of the pieces entitled *Madame Praxitèle*, *La chanson de Stradivarius*, and of *Don Juan vaincu*, with illustrations and an etching by Harriot de Solar. There are to be six of these parts or volumes. M. Arsène Houssaye is so well known as among the most piquant of Parisian writers, that we cannot doubt of his latest publication finding much favour.

From Mr. Paul Ollendorff, Paris.—Sarrazin: 'Poètes Modernes de l'Angleterre,' 2me édition. The English poets, of whom M. Sarrazin here gives us elaborate studies, are: Landor, Shelley, Keats, Mrs. Browning, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and Swinburne. Apart from the careful analysis which is given of the works of the writers, the translated specimens are of great interest to those who know enough French to see how well they are done. The examples from Mrs. Browning are especially abundant, and include several of her sonnets from the Portuguese, and long passages from 'Aurora Leigh.' M. Sarrazin's motto is a sentence from Taine's 'English Literature,' which we translate:—

It seems to me that no poetry equals the English; that there is none which speaks so strongly to the soul, which so stirs it, in which the words are so charged with meaning, and in which the shocks and the transports of our inner man are more adequately rendered.

From Mr. George Redway.—'Hints to Collectors of Original Editions of the Works of William Makepeace Thackeray,' by Charles Plumptre Johnson. This genuine contribution to the bibliography of Thackeray will be invaluable to all collectors of the great novelist's works, and to those who treasure an 'editio princeps' the account here given of the titles and characteristics of the first issues will form a trustworthy guide. The special features which will enable the purchaser at once to settle any question of authenticity in copies offered for sale are carefully collated, and the notes as to prices which may fairly be paid will be useful.

From Messrs. Relfe Brothers.—'Elementary Help-Notes on Latin Parts of Speech and Sentences,' by W. Thornton Bullock, M.A. This manual, its author tells us, was compiled for the use of beginners, but many older children will be glad to have in a handy and clear form the characteristics of the various parts of speech, and what is, in effect, a summary of Latin Grammar. The simplicity of the arrangement and of the explanations of the different rules brings the whole principle of the construction of sentences within the comprehension of the youngest learner, and Mr. Bullock may be congratulated on having accomplished what is in reality a very difficult task with much success.

From the Religious Tract Society.—'Galilee in the Time of Christ,' by the Rev. Selah Merrill, D.D., with a map of Galilee. This volume, one of the series of 'By-Paths of Bible Knowledge,' gives a very interesting and graphic account of the country which witnessed so large a part of the ministry of the Son of God; and the author has left no part of its political history, its social life, its geography, and its natural and commercial characteristics, untouched. The substance of the book met with such favour in the United States, in Germany, and in this country when it appeared in the form of an essay that its reproduction in its present form will be generally welcomed.

From the same.—'Wesley Anecdotes,' by John Telford. Those who were fortunate enough to hear Dr. Punshon lecture on the Wesleys will not need to be told how much there was in the lives of the brothers calculated to furnish matter for a volume such as that before us; and Mr. Telford may be congratulated on having produced a most readable and entertaining book. He has occupied himself almost entirely with John Wesley, and promises that if the demand for the present volume proves encouraging he will follow it up with a second series, which will include 'the racy anecdotes' told about Charles Wesley, the sweet singer of Methodism. The stories here collected from a wide variety of sources are classified under twenty heads, ranging from Wesley's boyhood to his death; and there is scarcely one story in the collection which does not deserve the place given to it.

From the same.—'An Introduction to the Books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther,' by A. H. Sayce, M.A. The growing study of Biblical Archaeology, not only among experts but among the general body of readers of the sacred volume, is one of the most striking 'signs of the times,' and the light thrown upon the Old Testament by recent investigations is adding year by year to the fund of information open to them. In the present volume Professor Sayce brings to bear upon the prophetic books a vast amount of learning and research, and shows that he has a thorough mastery of the intricate history of the times at which Ezra and Nehemiah wrote.

From Mr. Walter Smith.—'Sermons on the Litany; the Church One, Catholic, Apostolic, and Holy; and the Communion of Saints.' Reprinted from 'Sermons for the Christian Year,' by the late Rev. John Keble, with introductory notice by the late Rev. E. B. Pusey, D.D. Dr. Pusey justly describes the merit of Mr. Keble's sermons on the Litany, when he says that 'they exhibit in a very striking way the "plainness of speech" which it was his wont to use in pastoral warnings and instructions on subjects where plainness is always a difficulty and must have cost no small effort. Every word of John Keble, if weighed, evinces in its simplicity the depth of his reality.' While the venerated Oxford Doctor thus does justice to the beautiful simplicity which characterised Mr. Keble's pulpit work, he gives, in his too brief preface, a striking evidence of the belief of the author of the 'Christian Year' in the value of intercessory prayer, for he tells us that he might be seen, sexagenarian though he then was, on Wednesdays and Fridays, sometimes in snow on winter mornings, finding his way with his lantern at 5.30 a.m. to the church to say the Litany for the Church 'in her present distress.' Very beautifully does Dr. Pusey, in telling the story, add 'sometimes there was only one other worshipper. But a Third was there Who said "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name there am I in the midst of them."' The value of such a book as this as an aid to the clergy in giving addresses to their congregations on the Prayer Book services will be very great, while for private devotional reading, like everything which Mr. Keble wrote, it is perfectly fitted.

From the same.—'Spiritual Readings from Jeremy Drexelius,' translated by the author of 'Charles Lowder,' edited by the Rev. William H. Cleaver. These excerpts from the writings of the great Bavarian Jesuit preacher, are arranged in the form of readings for a retreat, and thus are classified under the subjects of Patience, Diligence,

Prudence, and Holy Reading. The volume abounds not only with reflections of much depth, but with anecdotes and illustrations drawn from such a variety of sources that, although the subjects treated are of the most serious order, there is not a heavy page in the work. Mr. Cleaver compares Draxelius to our own Jeremy Taylor, and in his apt employment of historic incidents and illustrations to enforce his arguments, there is much in common between the foreign and the English divine. The translator has conferred a benefit upon English readers by adding to the too-small stock of books of this special order.

From Messrs. W. Swan Sonnenschein & Co.—'Forewarned,' by Miss E. M. Abdy-Williams. The publishers have here endeavoured to compete with the 'Called Back' and 'Dark Days' style, and their energy, we think, has been well rewarded with a tale of stirring interest. The book is in its fifth thousand.

From the same.—'Bevan's March of the Strikers'—a story—shows 'on the one hand, how the unspeakable injustices and robberies of the Bees by the Drones are the cause of great terrestrial troubles; whilst, on the other, how the greater influence of noble-minded, self-sacrificing women may be the source of the world's greatest blessings.' We quote from the preface. The author desires to see the Drones reformed and become active workers.

From Mr. T. Fisher Unwin.—The progress of missionary labour in India has been the theme of a great many books more or less interesting to the general public, but especially so to that large section of our countrymen who show a practical sympathy with the peaceful crusade of Christianity in heathen lands. One of the latest of these books, 'Life and Work in Benares and Kumaon, 1839-1877,' by James Kennedy, M.A., is a well-written record of no less than four decades of earnest mission work. It shows, besides, many other aspects of Indian life, treated in readable pages, not the least interesting part of the book being the chapters on the great mutiny of 1857-58.

From the same.—A translation of a Hindu story must have an interest for English readers apart from its mere novelty. Babu Bankim Chandra Chatterjee is the author of the book which, under the name of 'The Poison Tree,' has been translated by Mrs. M. S. Knight. Although somewhat peculiar in its English garb, it is nevertheless a vivid and very attractive story. A valuable testimony to the ability of the author and to the faithfulness and power of the translation is supplied in a preface by Mr. Edwin Arnold, C.S.I.

From the same.—'The Seven Ages of Man' is the title given to a handsome little work, illustrating in seven beautiful full-page woodcuts the lines of the immortal monologue in 'As You Like It.'

From the same.—Despite a tendency to adhere to conventional sensationalism, 'The Wreckers of Lavernock,' by Annie Jenkyns, will by many persons be thought a well-executed piece of fiction. The ability of the authoress is best shown in her delineations of domestic life, some of the home scenes being very naturally and sympathetically drawn. There is no lack of excitement in the story, especially in connection with the work of the wreckers on the wild Welsh coast.

From Messrs. Frederick Warne & Co.—'Warne's Standard Commercial Handbook: a complete Dictionary, Gazetteer, Calculator, and Practical Counting-house Companion,' edited by William John Gordon. This volume is emphatically a 'multum in parvo.' First we have an admirable English dictionary of about 200 pages; next a very complete gazetteer of the world, and then tables of weights and measures, market terms, commercial terms, forms, and abbreviations, ready reckoners for cash, weights and measures, interest tables, annuity tables, and lists of stamp duties. We have tested the book in many places, and we have found it uniformly accurate and complete.

From the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Union.—'The Mystery of Grange Drayton,' by Eliza Kerr. A pretty story of the Peak Country, marked by much originality of style, and dealing in its opening chapters with the home-life of the Wesleyan congregation in the little place. Next the scene shifts to London, and there is a good deal of power shown in the descriptive passages.

From Messrs. W. B. Whittingham & Co.—'Spiritual Light and Life,' by Henry Varley, B.A. A series of eloquent sermons or theological studies on 'The Life of the Soul and the bearing which the example, mission, and teaching of Christ ought to have on those who follow Him.' There is much vividness of touch and style in the volume, and it is altogether removed from the common-place method of the ordinary pulpit utterance. Mr. Varley, if we are not mistaken, ministers to a large congregation in one of the western suburbs of London, and this volume is quite sufficient to account for his popularity. The subjects with which he deals include the religion of feeling and the religion of being; strength in suffering; God's revelation in childhood; the three stages of the Christian life; and many other kindred topics, which are treated with great power and originality.

From Messrs. Wyman & Sons.—'John Bull to Max O'Rell.' A few months ago, as will be remembered by many of our readers, a little work was published, called 'John Bull's Neighbour in her true light,' which was looked upon as an answer to Mr. Max O'Rell's 'John Bull and his Island.' 'John Bull's Neighbour' was intended as a rejoinder to those coarser attacks of the Paris press which very sparingly reach the ordinary English reader. Now, however, in 'John Bull to Max O'Rell,' we have a *bond fide* taking up of the lively French gentleman's remarks upon English people and their ways. We cannot doubt that many of those who have been amused by seeing English people's foibles shown up will have pleasure in reading an answer conceived in a spirit of banter not unlike that of our sprightly neighbour.

Catalogues received:—From Mr. John Grant, 25 & 34 George IV. Bridge, Edinburgh, a selected list of standard publications and remainders, for March, also a catalogue of second-hand books, comprising valuable sets of botanical works, bibliography, science, theological (American, Roman Catholic, German, &c.), classical, curious French works, facetiae, heraldry, Scottish Antiquarian and other works in general literature.—From Mr. Henry A. Vickers, 188 St. George's Road, Peckham, a catalogue of ancient and modern

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We have also received:—*British Ballads*, illustrated (Cassell & Co.) part 1. It contains eleven ballads and an introduction by Mr. G. Barnett Smith. Among the specimens are 'Drayton's Agincourt,' 'Auld Robin Gray,' and the 'Baby's Début.' The arrangement is alphabetical, so as to form, when complete, a cyclopædia of ancient and modern ballad poetry.—*Century Magazine* (F. Warne & Co.). The March number has an especially timely article on the revolution effected in naval warfare by monitors and armour-plated rams. The 'Land of the False Prophet,' also copiously illustrated, is not less opportune. The rest of the number has the usual variety of subject and illustration.

Books received for Notice:—

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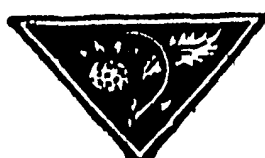
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