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Publishers will greatly oblige and assist us by sending in their Advertise. ments and Lists of Announcements as early as possible, so that they may be duly mentioned in the Literary Intelligence.

188 FLEET STREET, Sept. 15,-1886. EVERYTHING, except, perhaps, the book trade, indicates that the present is the liveliest 'dead season' which we have had for some years. Political agitation still compéls the greater part of our busy legislators not to wander far from the precincts of historic Westminster. The metropolis is, therefore, stirring; and for the first time in our memory there is actually somebody in London during the second half of September.

In the country, the most notable event of the past fortnight has been the meeting of the British Association at Birmingham. This gigantic picnic of the learned is at length becoming too formidable in its programme, so that men of ordinary capacity can no longer hope to keep themselves acquainted with its professions; its achievements may not be so difficult to remember. No surprise can be felt when we hear the prophecy that the affairs of the association are likely to become unmanageable. When it is remembered that in a week's time not less than four hundred papers were brought before the various sections, the only surprise that can exist is that the Committees should get through with the work at all. Some reform will certainly be necessary in future years. The most obvious relief would be the rejection of all papers of trivial or local interest, which the general run of the members cannot be expected to discuss. The difficulty we refer to was strongly exemplified in the geographical section, in which some promising papers were suppressed through want of time. We quote the following remarks upon the subject printed by a contemporary: 'The geographical section had thirty papers on its list, and several of the most important were virtually burked. Much time was spent in telling old stories for the twentieth time and reading what were really mere gazetteer articles. As a matter of fact, the sections could scarcely have done justice to one-half the papers on the list, though no president could have performed his trying functions more efficiently than Sir Frederic Goldsmid. This section had a paper from M. de Lesseps on the offenders whose petty peculations, although

Panama Canal, which had not a single novel feature in it. On the other hand, Dr. Felkin's paper on the acclimatisation of Europeans in Tropical Africa was a really valuable contribution, his conclusion being, in essence, that acclimatisation is impossible. Mr. Joseph Thomson's paper on his recent journey on the Niger held a crowded and attentive audience enchained for an hour.'

As the meetings of the British Association and kindred organisations supply the intellectual food of many of the learned in summer, as books do in winter, it would be only right that quality and not quantity should be the leading object of the various committees in years to come.

It may interest our readers to learn that the scheme of the Copyright Convention, signed by the plenipotentiaries of twelve nationalities at Berne on the 9th current, will not become law until three months after it has been ratified by the various powers. This is in accordance with Article XX. of the draft scheme printed in the 'Correspondence respecting the Formation of an International Copyright Union.' As some of the signatories are those of South American States, some little time must elapse before all the ratifications can be exchanged. In the meantime, we understand, the terms of the Convention will soon be printed for presentation to the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

We give publicity in this number to two significant letters upon a subject which, fortunately, has never before, so far as we recollect, called for remark in our pages. The disclosures regarding dishonesty which are set forth in these communications are painfully startling. To some employers in the trade they may prove a revelation which must lead to increased vigilance. To the rising generation of booksellers they present examples which cannot possibly be read with indifference.

Mr. Westerton's letter refers to juvenile

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morally very serious, are neither difficult nor slow of detection. The impressive letter of 'An Old Bookseller' deals with a different class-with young men who have in reality begun their business careers, and upon whose actions depend the success or ruin of their life's mission. We are glad to notice the writer's ready acknowledgment that honesty and straightforwardness are the prevailing characteristics of the vast majority of young men in the trade. These will be the first to admit the justice and the kindness of the warning so urgently advanced by 'An Old Bookseller,' whose words, it is to be hoped, will also re-animate the better thoughts of those who, as Steele says, may at present be 'sacrificing the sentiments of the soul to gratify the appetites of the body."

CASSELL'S NATIONAL LIBRARY. — Thirtyseven volumes of this now celebrated series of books for the people have been issued. The latest are 'Religio Medici,' 'The Diary of Samuel Pepys,' Milton's 'Earlier Poems,' 'Voyages in Search of the North-West Passage,' 'The Sorrows of Werther,' and Johnson's 'Lives of the Poets.' We observe that Mr. Punch has applied a new rendering of an old proverb to this collection. The merry sage of Bouverie Street now says that 'Every Englishman's House has his Cassell.'

THE 'POLITICAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY.'-Mr. Henry Frowde, of the Clarendon Press, has undertaken the charge of the publication of this review in Great Britain. The prospectus says that the Political Science Quarterly Review is established to furnish a field for the discussion of all questions-historic, economic, or legal-which concern the organisation of the state, the evolution of law, the relation of states one to another, and the relation of government to the individual. The topics discussed will be treated from a scientific point of view by writers who have made special study of the subjects they undertake. The results of the scientific investigation of political and economic questions can, it is believed, be so presented as to be perfectly intelligible to any one liberally educated, and the editors will make it their aim to have them so presented. The Political Science Quarterly Review will be devoted primarily to the investigation of questions of present interest in the United States. But as the editors think that the experience of the older civilisations of Europe, and the more recent developments of American politics, may be made mutually instructive and beneficial, they hope to obtain the cooperation of prominent English publicists, and thus make their undertaking in some degree international in its character.

ordinary boards. Those who see the new departure will be quick to acknowledge its merits. The covers are flexible; they do not swell with damp; and the book may be read at the fireside without the chance of injury from heat. A fine smoothness is noticeable in the laying of the leather. Spaces may be made in the inside of the front cover of the books for the reception of photographs. Messrs. Stoneham are to be complimented upon the durable and elegant appearance of their new productions.

AUSTRALASIAN EXPORTS.—From January 1 to August 31 the following figures represent the book and stationery trades exports to Australasia :—

	Bo	oks	Printing	Writing	Sta-
-	Cwt.	£	Paper Cwt.	Paper Cwt.	tionery £
Victoria	8,719	1,201	22,220	56,803	42,778
New South Wales	8,684	2,468	12,592	50,812	46,161
South Australia	1,549	60	3,668	9,616	8,013
Queensland	1.058	17	1,961	11,822	10,176
Western Australia	254		12	982	2,257
Tasmania	599		565	3,717	3,325
New Zealand	3,443	1,166	2,096	32,457	17,667

Potes and Rews.

A volume which must be looked forward to with much interest by literary people is 'Letters, 1834–1884,' by Abraham Hayward. The book will be published soon by Mr. Murray.

Mr. Frederick Barnard's annual portfolio of character sketches will be devoted to Thackeray this year. The sketches will depict 'Becky Sharp,' the 'Little Sister,' Colonel Newcome, Major Pendennis, Captain Costigan, and Major Dobbin. Messrs. Cassell & Co. (Limited) are again the publishers of this delightful art annual.

'Sketches of my Life,' by the late Hobart Pasha, is promised by Messrs. Longmans & Co.

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NEW BOOKBINDING.—Mr. Stoneham, of Messrs. W. G. Stoneham & Co., has shown us some specimens of his new style of bookbinding in leather. The improvement is seen in the substitution of metal plates in place of the substitution of metal plates in place of the

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Sir Francis Hastings Doyle's 'Reminiscences and Opinions' will be published by Messrs. Longmans & Co.

'Mountaineering below the Snow Line' is the title of a new work published by Mr. George Redway. The author is Mr. M. Paterson, of Bradford; and the book is illustrated with etchings of scenes in 'Snowdonia.'

'Landon Deecroft' is the title of a new Socialistic novel dealing with Socialism from the point of view of the Socialists themselves. The work is by a new author, and the publisher is Mr. W. Reeves.

One of our nine days' wonders at present is the result of the great international yacht race in America. No one having the slightest interest in the subject should fail to read Captain R. F. Coffin's 'History of American Yachting,' now appearing in *Outing*, the chief monthly magazine of manly recreation. Besides the continuation of this important contribution, the September part of the magazine contains the twelfth instalment of Mr. Thomas Stevens' exciting narrative, 'Around the World on a Bicycle,' and several other appropriate and stirring articles relating to sport of different kinds.

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The 'Christmas Card Sketch Book' is the title of a volume for the drawing-room table which Messrs. Marion & Co. have just published. It consists of twenty-four originallyproduced pictures, after designs by Randolph Caldecott, Walter Crane, Val Prinsep, N. F. Yeames, Orchardson, Alma Tadema, &c. Among the twenty-four designs is found the 'Seven Ages of Man,' by H. S. Marks, R.A.; a head of a cat, decorative design from the German ; 'Sailing the Boat,' a woodland bit, by Birket Foster; the 'Golden Harvest,' a panel, by E. J. Poynter, R.A.; and the 'Festival,' a decorative panel from the same hand. Miss E. M. Thompson contributes a charming family group—a youthful mother with two children; Mr. Caldecott's three sketches give the humours of men and animals in the country, Mr. Crane's picture is from the 'Winter's Tale' of Shakespeare, Mr. A. H. Davis's is a study of the church and river at Stratford-on-Avon. \land A study of a head, a charming seated female figure, the 'Stepping Stones,' a surface etching, &c., are also among the contents of the 'Christmas Card Sketch Book.' The size of the volume is quarto, oblong. The binding is of the simplest canvas over bevelled boards, bearing the name in black and gold. The paper is tinted, with yellow edges, and the lining of the cover is of the character of encaustic tiles. The low price at which the 'Christmas Card Sketch Book ' is published is among its distinguishing features.

An English edition of Mr. Andrew Lang's 'Books and Bookmen' is to be published by Messrs. Longmans & Co. The book, which has been thoroughly revised by the author, contains several additions.

Our last issue contained a list of trade exhibits at the Edinburgh International Exhibition. By an oversight on the part of our correspondent, the important exhibit of Messrs. C. J. Clay & Son, Cambridge University Press, was omitted from the list. We take the first opportunity of correcting the omission.

the American Bookseller may be obtained from them on application. The London office of that paper is now at 2 Ludgate Hill, and a special issue for England containing the announcements of the English and American publishing houses will be issued in October.

Messrs. Field & Tuer, of the Leadenhall Press, are issuing, as will be noticed by our advertising columns, a series of new books selling at 1s. 4d. and 2s. 8d., and they promise others at higher figures.

The annual meeting of the Library Association will take place at Gray's Inn, from the 28th to the 30th September.

'Great Masters of Russian Literature in the Nineteenth Century,' by W. H. Dole, is announced by Messrs. T. Y. Crowell & Co., New York.

Mr. Richard Parkinson, of Preston, has sent us a copy of 'A Treatise on Paper,' which he has written for the use of printers and stationers. An outline of the mode of paper manufacture, complete table of sizes, and samples of twenty-six different varieties of paper, form the chief contents of the book. The work is a complete and valuable contribution to a technological series on printing. It may be had in London from Messrs. Crosby Lockwood & Co.

A series of picture leaflets by the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon has been issued by Messrs. Passmore & Alabaster. The title of the series is 'Bread of Life.' The leaflets are among the best of their kind for distribution.

The Indian Magazine (Messrs. Kegan Paul, Trench, & Co.) is a periodical deserving a large share of attention in this country, being issued by the National Indian Association in Aid of Social Progress and Education in India. Other periodicals dealing with subjects relating to our great empire in the East treat generally of political, religious, or commercial matters, while The Indian Magazine is devoted to affairs of educational, literary, and social interest. Surely few can fail to see in these subjects a true medium for grasping a knowledge of India and Indian life. The work is published monthly at a cheap price, and subscribers help the cause. Temperance had no more devoted apostic than the late John B. Gough, and, aware of the wide-spread desire to learn something of the wonderful life of the man, Messrs. Morgan & Scott have just issued a popular survey of his career. The pamphlet is illustrated and may be sold at a penny. The idea of starting a magazine such as Queries was happy as well as novel and useful. The magazine contains questions and answers in literature, art, science, education, &c. A specimen copy of the July number may be had gratis from Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, and Co., 188 Fleet Street; E.C., who likewise receive subscribers' names.

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Accompanying the surplus catalogue of Messrs. Day & Son, Librarians, Mount Street, Grosvenor Square, W., is a circular stating that in anticipation of their temporary removal during rebuilding, they have decided to offer special facilities for the purchase of books.

The names of the authors of several forthcoming volumes of the BADMINTON LIBRARY have been announced. 'Riding and Driving.'---'Riding' (including Military Riding and Ladies' Riding), by R. Weir; 'Driving,' by Major Dixon, with an introduction by E. L. Anderson; 'Cycling,' by Viscount Bury, K.C. M.G., assisted by G. Lacy Hillier; 'Fencing,' by Crauford Grove and Walter H. Pollock; 'Boating,' by W. B. Woodgate; 'Tennis, Lawn Tennis, Racquets, and Fives,' by Julian Marshall; succeeding volumes will include 'Football, and other School Games,' 'Golf, Curling, and Skating,' 'Yachting,' 'Cricket.'

Messrs. Griffith, Farran, Okeden, & Welsh wish it to be known that a specimen copy of

Messrs. Dean & Son have just issued the annual volume of The Little One's Own Coloured Picture Paper, which, in addition to its plentiful

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coloured pictures and short tales, contains drawing and kindergarten lessons, together with games, riddles, and other features attractive $\bar{t}o$ the young. Our readers will have observed that the September part is issued with a bright new cover printed in gold and colours. The Little One's Own is about the brightest child's paper that we know of.

A history of Germany, by the Rev. S. Baring-Gould, will be the next volume in Mr. T. Fisher Unwin's series, 'The Story of the Nations.'

Mr. T. Fisher Unwin will publish during September 'The Touchstone of Peril,' in two volumes, a novel dealing with life in India during the Indian Mutiny.

In October, Mr. John Heywood will publish by subscription 'A Glossary of Rochdale-with-Rossendale Words and Phrases,' by Henry Cunliffe. This work should be an important contribution towards the literature which aims at the preservation of the local dialects of England.

The Bairns' Annual, which was so popular last year, will soon be issued for the present season by Messrs. Field & Tuer. The new issue will contain contributions from the pens of Mrs. Ritchie (Miss Thackeray), Mrs. W. K. Clifford, and Miss Kate Tynan. Miss Alice Corkran has acted as editor.

An important new book of travel will be in the hands of the public shortly. The title is 'Three Thousand Miles through Brazil.' The work commences with a description of a landing at the busy port of Rio de Janeiro, and a brief sketch of the city, its social life, and prominent features; then follows a recital of the many varied experiences of the author through long and arduous journeys by land and water; and an account of life amongst the Mineiros of Minas Geraes, and all the 'sorts and conditions' of men met with. The most striking fauna and flora peculiar to each district traversed, with the scenery, soil, capabilities, climate, and productions, both mineral and vegetable, are fully depicted. Part of the ground covered by the author is the route described in Captain Burton's 'Highlands of the Brazil,' but the larger section is through hitherto quite unknown districts, notably from the Rio São Françisco to the Rio Tocantins, much of which is totally uninhabited and previously unexplored. This section is full of stirring adventure from the author's very graphic description of exciting hunting scenes, and the perilous navigation of hitherto unknown rivers. Messrs. Sampson Low & Co. are the publishers. The Queen has accepted copies of each of the poetical works of the Rev. Croasdale Harris, Curate-in-charge of Condicote, Gloucestershire. They consist of a volume entitled 'Heart Harmonies,' and a lyrical romance, 'The Lady of the Tower,' published by Mr. Elliot Stock under the pseudonym of 'Edward Croasdale.'

and Queries,' edited by the Rev. W. D. Sweeting, Vicar of Maxey, Market Deeping, a great deal of good would be done. The publication referred to is published quarterly, and is devoted to the antiquities, family history, traditions, parochial records, folk-lore, quaint customs, &c., of the county. All who intend to do for their special counties what Mr. Sweeting does for Northamptonshire should write to Messrs. Taylor, the Dryden Press, Northampton, for a copy of the 'Notes and Queries.'

Messrs. S. W. Partridge & Co. are now publishing the fifth edition, twenty-seventh thousand, of 'Queen Victoria: Scenes and Incidents of her Life and Reign,' by T. Frederick Ball. Over 20,000 copies have been sold of this Jubilee volume since April last.

The same firm also announce the second edition, one hundredth thousand, of 'The Queen,' a Jubilee narrative of personal incidents and scenes in the life of Queen Victoria, with twelve illustrations.

Mrs. Oliphant is at present engaged in writing a serial story for The Welcome, published by Messrs. S. W. Partridge & Co. The first chapters will appear in the January part.

Five volumes on 'Christ and Christianity,' by the Rev. H. R. Haweis, will be published at short intervals by Messrs. Charles Burnet & Co., 9 Buckingham Street, Strand. This is a new firm which has begun well, and we trust its future will be as prosperous as first appearances indicate.

The Religious Tract Society have this year an unusually attractive display of Christmas, New Year, and Birthday Cards. These should be seen by the trade, as many purchasers now look out for the cards issued by the Society. They give variety to selections, and are ex-

If every English county could boast of a

ceedingly beautiful in finish, besides setting forth good wishes in earnest language.

It is not unlikely that Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer of £50,000 for a Free Library in Edinburgh will be accepted. The only condition attaching to the offer is that the city should adopt the Free Libraries Act. This Act was rejected by the citizens some years Our pages a short time since contained ago. a proposal for the establishment of a National Library for Scotland, but it appears that the present is not a suitable time for pushing such a scheme.

Mr. Carnegie's 'Triumphant Democracy' has been translated into French under the title of Le Triomphe de la Démocratie en Amérique depuis cinquante ans.

Continental Potes.

It will be remembered that during the terrible war between France and Germany in 1870-71, the city library of Strasbourg, containing 150,000 volumes, was, with its contents, entirely destroyed by fire. This incident

of the war was all the more to be deplored publication such as 'Northamptonshire Notes because the fire consumed some rare manu-

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scripts and fine early printed books impossible to replace. Amongst these were the incunabulæ once belonging to the library of the Ancient Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The Strasbourg Library has been re-built, and, aided by the gifts of the public-spirited individuals in all countries, is again becoming one of the attractions of Strasbourg.

Quite recently two large cases, full of valuable charts, maps, and geographical publications, presented by the United States Government and by American citizens, have arrived at Strasbourg. These valuable additions to the library are to no small extent the result of the exertions of a committee of prominent literary men of the United States and Canada, presided over by Col. M. Richards Mucklé, of Philadelphia. Since the formation of the committee, thirty-five cases of valuable publications have been forwarded, free of all expense, from America to Strasbourg. These results reflect great credit on the committee, amongst whose members we find the honoured names of Prof. Noah Porter, Prof. Joseph Henry, the late William Cullen Bryant, also the eminent booksellers, George W. Childs and J. B. Lippincott, of Philadelphia, and E. Steiger, of New York.

On Sunday, the 22nd ult., the German Circulating Librarians held a meeting at Leipzig to consider the position and prospects of Circulating Libraries in the Fatherland.

One of the speakers gave an interesting account of a tour of inspection of circulating libraries throughout Germany. He gave a gloomy account of the state of these libraries, which he attributes partly to the want of care and intelligence in selecting books, and partly to the unremunerative rates of subscription. These are so low that they do not suffice for purchasing so many new books as are needed to retain old subscribers and gain new ones.

NEW CATALOGUES.

Mudie's list of recent books in circulation at the great library contains all the best books in contemporary English literature. Mudie's Clearance Catalogues (September) of surplus books have also come to hand.

Messrs. Day & Son, Mount Street, W., send their clearance list of surplus books.

Other catalogues have been received from Messrs. Henry Sotheran & Co.; Messrs. Robson & Kerslake, Coventry Street, W.; J. Sabin's Son, New York (portraits and engravings); Mr. James Thin, South Bridge, Edinburgh; Mr. Edward Howell, Church Street, Liverpool; Mr. C. Herbert, Goswell Road, E.C.; Mr. B. Dobell, Queen's Crescent, N.W.; Mr. William Collins, Strand; Mr. Edward Jones, Queen Street, Cheapside, E.C.; Mr. Frank Murray, Derby; Mr. Wm. Smith, Reading; Mr. R. Sutton, Manchester; Mr. D. R. Tomson, St. Neot's; Mr. T. Forster, Colchester; Mr. John Colwell, Devizes.

Messrs. Robert Clark & Co., of Cincinnati, U.S.A., have issued their extensive catalogue of books and pamphlets' relating to America, including a descriptive list of their own historical publications. This catalogue is of high bibliographical value. Messrs. Clark have also issued a catalogue of the collection of autographs belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Lewis J. Cist. This fine collection is to be dispersed by Messrs. Bangs & Co., of New York, on the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th inst.

Obituary.

F. H. HAMILTON.—By the death of Dr. Frank H. Hamilton, which occurred on the 14th August, America has been deprived of one of her foremost writers in surgery. The deceased was one of the consulting surgeons m the case of President Garfield. His publications include a 'Treatise on Strabismus' (1844), 'Treatise on Fractures and Dislocations' (1860), 'General Treatise on Military Surgery' (1862), said to be the only book on military surgery written in America, excepting a small volume from the pen of a Confederate surgeon, published shortly after the war at Charleston, 'Surgical Memoirs of the War of the Rebellion' (edited by Dr. Hamilton and published m 1871), 'The Principles and Practice of Surgery' (1872), 'Monograph on Fractures of the Patella,' 'Health Aphorisms,' and 'Medical Ethics.'

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An important work on the French postal system has just been published, which gives full and interesting details of the origin and development of the post from the very earliest period.

As every one knows, the postal service during the Roman occupation was very complete, and it survived the fall of the Empire; but in the Middle Ages there was no longer any regular system. Louis XI. interdicted the use of the post except by those who received an order of the King. The penalty for infringing this decree was death.

The author of this exhaustive work is M. Alex. Bellor, of the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs, whose position has afforded him access to materials of which he has made the very best use. The book is not only instructive, it is also very readable, being full of ancedotes, interesting alike to the antiquary and the reader for amusement.

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BERNARDINO BIONDELLI.—The celebrated philologist, Professor Bernardino Biondelli, died recently. He was a native of Verona, where he was born in 1804. His numerous works on philology are well known to scholars.

ARTHUR ROBERTS.—We have to chronicle the death of the Rev. Arthur Roberts, Editor of 'Church Memorials and Characteristics a Church History of the First Six Centuries.' The deceased was in the 86th year of his age. In addition to the work we have just referred to, Mr. Roberts published several volumes of sermons as well as some biographical works.

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M. MILSAND. — The Academy announces that M. Milsand, formerly of Dijon, to whom Mr. Browning dedicated the revised version of his 'Sordello,' in 1863, has just died at his place, Villers la Faye, in the Côte d'Or. He was too ill this spring to pay his annual visit to the poet, and had been long aware of his declining state. His last letter, of August 28, spoke of increasing bodily weakness, though his head remained clear and strong. M. Milsand was an accomplished scholar and had a rare knowledge of English. When his first article on Tennyson and Browning, ' La Poésie Anglaise depuis Byron,' appeared in the Deux Mondes of August 15, 1851, he was, perhaps, the only Frenchman who then understood and could criticise Mr. Browning. He afterwards wrote another review of the poet in the *Revue* Contemporaine, besides studies of Wordsworth, Scott, and Byron.

CHARLES C. PERKINS. — This well-known American writer upon art subjects was killed by a carriage accident on the 25th August. The works of the deceased included 'Tuscan Sculptors,' 'Italian Sculptors,' a biographical and critical essay upon 'Raphael and Michael Angelo,' etc. His unhappy death prevents the completion, for the present, of the 'Cyclopædia of American Art.'

ANN S. STEPHENS.—Mrs. Stephens, who was one of the best known of American literary workers, died at Newport, Rhode Island, on the 19th August, in the 74th year of her age. Tales of domestic life were her chief writings, the best known being 'Fashion and Famine.'

CHARLES HUTT.—The demise of this young but well-known bookseller was briefly noticed in our last issue. It is not often that we have to record the death of a man who, at so early an age, and within so short a period (it is scarcely ten years since he first established himself at Clement's Inn Gateway), has succeeded in securing so conspicuous a position amongst the members of the bookselling fraternity as Charles Hutt. Born in 1856, he was only ten years of age when he commenced life in the employment of Messrs. Hodgson & Co., auctioneers, of Chancery Lane, with which firm he remained (having steadily worked his way to the position of assistant-cataloguer) until, at the age of 21, he became his own master, and started business as a second-hand bookseller. Quickly perceiving that in this, as in any other business, the man who succeeds best is the man who is a specialist, Hutt marked out for himself, as a special 'line' to which to devote his principal attention, the first and other rare editions of modern English classics, and illustrated books of that class which includes the names of Leech, Rowlandson, Cruikshank, &c., and making a speciality of these particular branches of his profession, his name soon became well known to students and collectors, not in England only, but in all parts of Europe and the United States of America. It would be impossible within the narrow limits of a brief obituary notice to enlarge at any length upon what Charles Hutt has done for the books of such authors as occupied his closest attention.

know most of the bibliography of Shelley, Keats, Browning, Tennyson, and other kindred writers, know best what bibliography owes to his energy and tact. Naturally active and energetic, his activity became his bane, for there is little doubt that the close and vigorous manner in which he prosecuted business ever since his return from his first visit to America served greatly to hasten on his death, which event took place on August 15, at his private residence, 30 Hargrave Park Road, Holloway, N. He was interred at Highgate Cemetery. The business is carried on as usual under management.—Communicated.

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Trade Changes.

Mr. F. W. Wilson has retired from the firm of Messrs. Wilson and McCormick, publishers, Glasgow.

In future the *Boys' World* will be published by Mr. Joseph Hughes. Messrs. Brooks and Cowham, of the Westminster Training College, will be the new editors.

We are informed that Mr. Edward Roe, Proprietor of the Wiltshire County Mirror and South Wilts Express, has taken into partnership Mr. J. Williams Roe, of Wine Office Court, Fleet Street. The valuations were made respectively by Mr. Wellsman (C. Mitchell & Co.) and Mr. Daniel Powell.

Great Thoughts has been purchased by Mr. Thos. Smith, 132 Fleet Street, and will be in future published at that address.

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DISHONESTY.

To the Editor of the PUBLISHERS' CIRCULAR.

SIR,—As an old man who has had abundant experience both as an assistant and an employer, I should like, in the columns of the Publishers' Circular, to say a word to the young men of to-day, now engaged in the various branches of our publishing and bookselling business. According to the genial and philosophic ELIA, the human species is composed of two distinct races: 'The men who borrow, and the men who lend.' Descending from the species to the particular race I would wish to address, my experience compels me-to separate them into two very distinct classes-The men who are honest, and the men who are not. L am happy to say that honesty and straightforwardness are the prevailing characteristics of the vast majority. In this class are to be found young men of good education, high intelligence, and gentlemanly bearing; men who win the confidence, respect, and friendship of their employers, by their punctuality and steady attention to their duties; men who take an honest pride in their calling, who are conscious that the business of a bookseller is not an ignoble one, and who do their utmost to maintain its dignity and respectability. Those who | Such men are worthy of all honour. On the other hand, here and there are to be found mixing with, and associated in business with them, young men who are not honest and who are not straightforward. These are generally to be distinguished by a somewhat too ostentatious assumption of the virtues which they do not possess.

I am sorry to be of opinion that this leaven of black sheep, though, I hope, small at present, is sadly on the increase, and the reason is not very far to seek. The temptations which young men meet with now-a-days to spend money are certainly tenfold what they were thirty or forty years ago. Then, a mutton chop and a cup of coffee, or a glass of beer at Dolly's, or the like coffee or chop houses, were the usual fare for assistants in the 'Row' and the neighbourhood. Now, they are invited into places unheard of in those days: showy saloons at every corner, where an array of coloured glasses and pretty bottles suggest wine and champagne, where the homely glass of beer or cup of coffee used to suffice. Then of late years there have sprung up numberless billiard and betting rooms, dancing academies, and music halls, all of which are well calculated to ensnare foolish young fellows into spending the money which does not belong to them; for, whilst these attractions are so rife, the *legitimate* means of indulging in them are not increased, seeing that the supply of money in the shape of wages or salary necessarily remains about the same as it ever was, and young men who have not sense enough to limit their desires to their income are easily led to forget that there is a broad and distinct line between the two small words meum and tunim, and so to regard their employer's property as their own, and to use it accordingly. This unfortunate forgetfulness, as regards small things at first, soon grows by what it feeds upon and becomes a pleasant habit, enabling the dossessor of it to astonish his friends by the liberality with which he can spend money and indulge in extravagances far beyond their own honestly restricted means. How brightly, how joyously, how swimmingly can a young fellow who has acquired this habit carry on for a time, and until he is found out! And found out sooner or later he is sure to be. Then how astonished he is to find that his employer, whom he had probably looked down upon as a stupid old fogey, has somehow or other had his eye on him, and suspected him for a long time. A hint, a word, a look, is sometimes sufficient to create doubt; doubt begets suspicion; and suspición leads to Then this fine young fellow is certainty. toppled over at a blow, and then it is that he begins to realise that there is a broad and well-marked line between what is his and what is not his, which his pride, conceit, and vanity had prevented his seeing before, and the result of it all is that his 'after life is bound in sorrow and in misery." How many a tine youth have I known who started in his business career the pride and hope of his fond parents, full of impossible to replace the sums which he had ambition, with bright abilities and excellent expended, as he subsequently explained, 'in prospects, who marred those prospects for bad company,' and so his life has become a ever by refusing to listen to the appeals of sad and mournful wreck.

conscience when the first temptation to do wrong presented itself !- I could tell of many a promising career thus hopelessly blasted; and it may not prove useless to quote a few examples.

Some years ago a bright young fellow came into the employment of my firm, fresh from the attainment of high honours at school on the Continent, where he had acquired and could speak fluently several continental languages; he was proud of his abilities, had an excellent address, was of a masterful disposition, and seemed certain, in a few years, to attain a very high position. He began by purloining sixpences and shillings from the till at every convenient opportunity-the shillings soon grew to sovereigns; he was the one who made the most noise about the mysterious disappearance of this money; he overplayed his part; he was suspected and watched, and discovered. He was accused; he raved at the bare idea that he, a gentleman by birth and education, could for a moment be suspected of dishonesty; he scorned the mean suspicion! but the damning evidence was too strong, he was compelled to acknowledge his guilt. I have been told that his fall broke his mother's heart, and he is now, I believe, a billiardmarker in some disreputable saloon, if he has not fallen still lower.

Another clever boy, whom I have known from childhood, came into our employment fresh from school and remained with us for many years. He displayed great ability as an accountant; he got into bad company, took to drink, and then gave us a fresh exhibition of his ability by falsifying his accounts, and so came to grief.

Another youth displayed his perverse mgenuity by purloining postage stamps; his ingenuity led him to ruin.

Another promising young fellow foolishly got married while still in his teens, when he was earning only enough to keep himself in decency, and he had married a wife who could do nothing to help him. He thought it was necessary, right, and proper to eke out his income by creating bogus orders for advertisements, and otherwise appropriating property which did not belong to him; and in doing this just once too often his career was doomed. Many months afterwards he was found starving in a wretched garret with his wife and child! Another youth had so far gained the confidence of his employers that he was appointed to the responsible position of collector of accounts. He began by collecting small sums and mixing up the money with his own for some weeks, instead of at once handing it into the counting-house; then collecting other money, he would with this pay up the cash previously kept back, thus easing and quieting his conscience by falsely representing to it that he was only borrowing his employers money. This operation was found so easy and pleasant that it was gradually applied to larger amounts, so large, at length, that he found it

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Still another enterprising youth who entered a counting house only a few months ago, with a good character, who was earning the modest income of 12s. a week, represented to his delighted father that he was already making wonderful progress in the house, and that he was earning, in various ways, at least £100 a year; and so he was, for he began as soon as he came in by stealing books and finding a very ready market for them at ridiculously low prices. His delinquencies were discovered; he promptly bolted, leaving behind him a pocket-book in which he had faithfully recorded his regular nightly visits to one theatre or another, accompanied by female friends, &c.

The stern moralist would say that, in each of the cases here glanced at, the culprit should at once have been handed over to the police. I have not thought proper to state how they were dealt with; it is sufficient to say, that whether prosecuted or not, the crime in each case has brought its own reward in the prompt and hopeless ending of once hopeful and promising careers.

It is needless to say that books are very convenient articles to 'convey,' as stealing is sometimes called, and many instances could I quote of foolish, weak-minded youths, being brought into trouble through finding too easy a market for these in shops the owners of which must be only too well aware that they were purchasing goods not honestly come by.

I have written these plain lines in the hope that they may be perused by many a youth just beginning his business as a bookseller's assistant, and in the further hope that if at any time he should be tempted to take a first false step he will pause and ask himself the question:

'Can I do this, and calmly, when alone,

Meet the mild, up-braiding eye of conscience?'

Or let him take a lower rule and remember that a successful first step leads on to a second, and that these steps followed up lead inevitably to ruin. Sooner or later they will certainly be discovered. I am, &c., AN OLD BOOKSELLER.

ruin. I believe many have no intention to be dishonest till they are led away by mixing with boys in their daily work who already have been practising this mode of robbing their employers. The second-hand book-trade, with no fixed prices, of course gives a much wider scope for such dishonesty than the new book trade. I have explained my views respecting receipts to more than one firm, but have simply been met with the reply 'that it is not the custom of the trade.' I speak from experience, having found out three lads robbing me in this way during the last six months.

> I am, &c., C. WESTERTON.

Hyde Park Corner.

Reviews, &c.

From Messrs. Alden & Co., Oxford (London: Hamilton, Adams, & Co.)—That 'Alden's Oxford Guide' has reached its twenty-fourth thousand is surely a sufficient assurance as to the worth and —popularity of the book. From our examination of the work, including its key plan of the University and city, and its numerous engravings, we should say that it will continue to be held in high esteem by visitors to the ancient, beautiful, and learned-city, especially as the guide is kept thoroughly up to date.

From Messrs. Arkwright & Parkinson, Preston.—A small octavo of 78 pages written by the late Rev. W. Thornber, author of the 'History of Blackpool,' has been published in a very creditable form by this firm of booksellers in Preston. Its title is 'Penny Stone; or, a Legend of the Spanish Armada.' The publishers announce that it is republished owing to its scarcity, coupled with the fact that it is the only work of the kind extant having reference to the Fylde. The story 稼

To the Editor of the PUBLISHERS' CIRCULAR.

SIR,—Will you kindly help me to save lads from the first step to ruin by finding ⁸Dace in your columns for this letter?

Now that the retail book-trade is so cut up, and therefore unprofitable, young lads are sent to collect books ; they soon find out that different prices are charged by different houses. To be quite clear: take a book published at 6s.; one house will charge a few pence less than another; one house will give a cash discount, and another will not. Boys soon find out they can therefore enter a few pence more in some instances in the collecting book than they paid, pocket it, and not be found out. A rule adopted by all publishers and wholesale houses of giving a receipt for all cash received would effectually remove this temptation, and thus save many boys from their first step to is one which deserves well of the local public.

From Messrs. Barnes & Co., New York.—Characterised by beautiful illustrations, maps of unusual excellence, and graphic text instruction. 'Barnes' Complete Geography,' by James Monteith, is one of the finest manuals we have seen. It is in quarto form and differs in many respects from other works having similar aims. The details are not very profound in character, but they are tolerably comprehensive in the range of subjects, and at the same time are explicitly worded in a manner that wins the fancy of the teacher and the student. Much of the attractiveness of the volume, however, is, as we have stated, due to the fine quality of the maps, illustrations, and printing, which would be difficult to excel.

From Messrs. Blackwood & Sons.—The Third Part of 'Algebra for Beginners,' in 'Blackwood's Educational Series,' has been issued. The work is specially adapted to the requirements of the Mundella Code, besides being suitable for junior pupils of middle-class schools and for pupil teachers.

From Messrs. D. Bryce & Co., Glasgow.—There are some exceptionally clever things, some exceptionally stupid things, and some exceptionally old things in 'The Good Things of "Life,"' and its sequel, 'More Good Things of "Life."' But the

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same remark may be applied to almost every collection of illustrated jokes. Notwithstanding a certain display of juvenile or amateur-like stiffness and roughness in some of the pictures of the present 'Good Things,' it is not too much to say that the books throughout are sufficiently amusing to gratify even those who are accustomed to the most sparkling efforts of comic genius.

- From Mr. Francis Carter, Irongate, Derby.— Much pains must have been taken by Mr. W. R. Roe in compiling his 'Anecdotes and Incidents of the Deaf and Dumb.' Mr. Roe is the headmaster of the Midland Deaf and Dumb Institution, Derby, and has, consequently, an unusual interest in gathering incidents connected with those who labour under this sad affliction. His volume is replete with apt stories which should be of great service to preachers and lecturers. They awaken the keenest sympathy.
- From Messers. Cassell & Co. (Limited).—'German of To-day,' by Dr. N. Heinemann, F.R.G.S. This book contains a series of short passages for translation into English, selected from contemperary German writers, and prepared by the compiler for the use of schools and for private study. All the extracts have been gleaned from works published since 1870. They are very varied. Everything seems to have been done to make the book most useful for private study as well as for school purposes.
- From Messrs. Field & Tuer.—'Who is his Father?' by Charles James Scotter, is a smartlywritten little story, which often in the telling displays abilities of no mean order. Unfortunately, the author has too evidently desired to be clever and amusing, and both situation and humour are often decidedly forced. He would have done himself greater justice had he been more natural; but the long clever speeches with which he endows his characters pall upon the appetite, and his descriptions remind us too frequently of something we have read before, while

From the same.—Educationists should not fail to get a sight of 'Music and Drill adapted for Use in Schools,' by S. A. Bedding. The teaching is based upon Ling's Swedish system. The lady who, in this volume, brings the system before the English public is the superintendent of physical education to the Leeds School Board, and instructress of Ling's Swedish Gymnastics and Physical Education to the Leeds Girls' High School.

From Mr. John Heywood.—' The Bills of Sale Acts 1878-1882.' For these Acts Mr. George Burgess Lancaster Woodburne, of Lincoln's Inn, has supplied an introduction, notes, and form. The annotator has endeavoured to introduce, and where necessary to explain, every reported case upon the working of the combined statutes of 1878 and 1882.

From Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton.—For some time past it may have been noticed that more than ordinary taste is being displayed in the production of booklets intended as aids to devotion. One of the last and best of these is 'Rest by the Way,' in which pleasing pictures, illuminated texts, and religious verses are interspersed, giving, altogether, thoughtful pages for thirty-one days.

From the same.—'The City Youth,' by J. Thain Davidson, D.D., author of 'Talks with Young Men.' Dr. Davidson, in this volume of friendly counsel and kindly encouragement, has given to young men entering the cross-currents of City life sure directions towards the safe run of the fickle stream. We would strongly recommend the volume as a gift-book for young men leaving the country to pursue fortune in London or any other large city.

From Messrs. Kelly & Co.—'Our Lady of Walsingham,' by the Rev. Morris Fuller, M.A., Rector of Ryburgh, is an account of the celebrated shrine of the old Augustinian priory between Fakenham and Wells-by-Sea.

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> often the framework is of the slightest. But, notwithstanding this, 'Who is his Father?' is undeniably bright and entertaining, and in following the fortunes of Charlie, the hero of doubtful parentage, readers are sure to be much interested.

From Messrs. Griffith, Farran, & Co.—' Resignation' selected and written by Ellen Gubbins, is a little book in which will be found a selection of Scripture texts and extracts from devotional writings specially suitable for those who are in trouble or adversity.

From the same.—A very remarkable, although tiny book of reference is 'A Dictionary of Abbreviations.' The number of designations or terms which we in this busy age have decapitated, curtailed, or otherwise mutilated is amazing. From the pages of the little volume before us we learn that there are no fewer than 2,500 contractions and signs which are in general use in literature, journalism, correspondence, conversasation, &c.; and this cannot be all. In supplying the import of these the Dictionary seems to answer its purpose thoroughly. It even gives initial contractions for names of regiments, railways, and so forth. As one example of its use: who knows what M.A.P.U.C. means? This dictionary tells us that the letters stand for 'Member of the Society for Promoting the Unity of Christendom.'

From Messrs. Crosby Lockwood & Co.—The decided success which attended the publication of 'Locomotive Engine Driving,' 'Stationary Engine Driving,' and other works, has induced Mr. Michael Reynolds (the 'Engine Driver's Friend') to put forth another work, equally practical, under the title 'The Engineman's Pocket Companion.' Convenient in size and clearly printed, this volume seems to answer all the purposes of such a work of reference. Mr. Reynolds, judging from the precision of his instructions, should gain the thanks of thousands for his admirable book; so thorough and lucid an educator for enginemen, boiler attendants, and mechanics.

From Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, & Co.-'The Truth about America,' by Edward Money, author of 'Tea Cultivation and Manufacture in India,' &c. Mr. Money, in the opening sentences of his book, mentions three reasons for its publication: (1) to make the United States of America and the Americans better known than they are at present to the mass of the English public; (2) to put a certain class of emigrants on their guard against the machinations of a few agents in London, who victimise them not a little; and (3) to let the many who suffer from pulmonary diseases in Europe know that across the Atlantic is a cure-place excelling, owing to its peculiar

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climate, any in the Eastern hemisphere. Perhaps [the first thing that will occur to the reader of a Mr. Money's book is the conviction that the writer has gone through the States with his eyes and ears open. No one will deny him the credit of possessing a special talent in the power of absorbing facts and describing them effectively. To remark that the book is readable would be commonplace praise; it is valuable, and its value is heightened by the easy anecdotal style of the narrative as well as by the general evidences of truth, moderation, and justice which appear in its pages. As the author's object in going to America was to buy an estate and settle on it with his two sons, it will be easily comprehended that the character of his experiences was rather varied and sometimes not altogether happy. Thus he trenchantly exposes the pitiless impostures of land agents, putting forth once more the oft-repeated warning respecting too tempting advertisements. Considerations of space preclude us from quoting the book, but from what we have said it will be understood that the record of Mr. Money's journeys and experiences should be of very great service to those who wish to know the truth about America. Even to ordinary readers the liveliness of the story will commend it for more than one perusal.

From the same.— 'Australiana; or, My Early Life,' by Richmond Henty. This is a book by the first white native of the first settlement of Victoria, There is a breezy briskness about Australia. Mr. Henty's narrative which carries the reader in cheerful humour from the beginning to the end. It was in 1829 that the author's father and two uncles sailed from England for Australia on board the barque Caroline, which had been chartered by their father Thomas Henty, part proprietor of Henty's Bank at Worthing, Sussex. The freight of the vessel consisted of farm implements, draught and pure horses, pure merino sheep, pure cattle, a plentiful supply of stores and seeds of all kinds. Many farm labourers also went out with the ship. We regret that we cannot repeat some of the early experiences of the pioneers. Nothing could be more entertaining or more instructive than the unvarnished narrative of the hardy efforts which, within the memory of man, have founded a great dominion, offering a home to thousands of our surplus population, and so soon rivalling in industry, enterprise, and intelligence the older countries of the old world. Australians will find that Mr. Henty's book will do much towards strengthening their love of country. Many of the scenes that are depicted are full of excitement; but beyond its interest as a book for general readers the volume will be indispensable in relation to the study of the history and scenes of our Australian colonies.

for those who are meditating upon choosing the sea as a profession. We find examination papers and advice about examinations, accounts of the various great steamship lines, descriptions of different classes of vessels, and the changes which have recently occurred, &c. The method of the book has an unusual attraction through various spirited illustrations of celebrated ships, and of some aspects of life at sea. No book: we know of gives so much information upon this important subject.

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From the same.—The Rev. J. P. Sandlands, M.A., has just written a work entitled 'How to Develop General Vocal Power, and Cure Stammering and Defective Speech.' Mr. Sandlands is already known as the author of 'The Voice and Public Speaking,' and his new work will certainly be of service to public speakers, and even to people who have any unusual-amount of conversation to sustain in business or professional capacities.

From the same.—' Exercises on Mensuration for Junior Students,' by T. W. K. Start, Assistant Master at the Manchester Grammar School, contains 300 carefully-constructed questions, with general directions for their solution, and explanatory diagrams.

From the same.—'Analysis Tables for Chemical Students,' by R. L. Taylor, F.I.C., F.C.S., is an unusually acceptable little book adapted for the advanced stage of the Science and Art Department examinations__in_practical inorganic chemistry, and the elementary and advanced stages of practical organic chemistry. Mr. Taylor is the teacher of chemistry and physics in the Central Higher Grade Board School, Manchester.

From the same.—New and cheap editions of Mr. Andrew Carnegie's 'Triumphant Democracy' have been issued.

From Messrs. Macmillan & Co.--- 'The Europeans' ---which, in one respect, differs from the majority of Henry James's novels, seeing that the threads of the narrative are carefully gathered together at the finish and nothing is left to surmise-has been added to the extremely neat edition of the American author's works now being issued by this firm. The chief interest of the story centres round Madame Münster, the fascinating but somewhat heartless victim of a morganatic marriage with a German Serene Highness; but all the characters are well drawn and thoroughly studied, and the reader of mature years who fails to be interested must either be very dense and unimaginative, or hopelessly contaminated by the frivolous literature of the age.

From the same.—A volume of verse, including a 'Hymn to the Eternal,' 'The Voices of Many Lands,' and other poems, by Kinnersley Lewis, has been published in a very neat form. Some of the songs in the volume have been set to music and already published. Mr. Lewis's verses are generally characterised by tunefulness and sympathetic feeling.

From the same.—All about the sea as a profession will be found in 'The Merchant Service : What it is, and How to Enter it,' by C. Stansfield-Hicks, a book that is intended to deal with 'Our Boys, and what to do with them.' The compiler has marshalled a host of facts all eminently useful

From Mr. David Nutt.—'A School German Grammar,' by H. W. Eve, M.A. The teaching profession will be glad to welcome a third edition of this useful grammar. The new book has been revised and considerably enlarged, the contents now filling 412 pages, as against 372 in the former editions. The principles of modern scientific philology are applied in the lessons of the Grammar.

From Messrs. Parker & Co.—There has been issued a third edition of Kentish Bache's 'Letter isto⁻the Rev. Samuel Davidson, D.D., LL.D., in answer to his Essay against the Johannine Authorship of the Fourth Gospel.' 1016

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From Mr. William Paterson, Edinburgh.-We venture to say there are few subjects capable of literary treatment more difficult to present in a 'popular' form than the early history of Scotland. One might as well expect to see a 'popularised 'history of the Heptarchy, whose wearisome sequence of battles has, as a mighty poet remarked, about as much interest for humanity as the fights of the kites and crows. The early story of Scotland is incapable of being what is called popularised. It may be condensed, and the volumes may be issued at a cheap price, but it would indeed be a difficult task to invest the harsh and obscure details with that amount of attractiveness which is necessary to gain and retain the attention of everyday readers. Mr. Duncan Keith, in his newly published 'History of Scotland, Civil and Ecclesiastical, from the Earliest Times to the Death of David I., 1153' (2 vols.), brings before the public in a popular form the history and state of the people of Scotland during a period little known to any but students of archæology.' Our opinion of the book is that, so far as the accomplishment of his task was practicable, Mr. Keith has been successful; indeed, from this point of view, the work is in a high degree meritorious. His authorities certainly are not recondite, but those which have been consulted have been used with discrimination. Mr. Keith's research, arrangement, and literary expression are worthy of recognition. The first volume is devoted to civil history, embracing the Roman period, legendary history, origin of the term Scot, a Narrative—fifth to sixth century, Pictland, Norse invasions, Donald, first King of Alban, Narrative-Duncan, Malcolm III. Canmore, calamitous effects of the death of Malcolm, and a Short History of Ireland from A.M. 2242 to A.D. 498. Ecclesiastical history occupies the whole of the second volume. Succeeding an introduction dealing with the prehistoric period we find chapters on Hagiological literature, early Scottish saints, St. Patrick, St. Columba, the institution at Iona, the family of Hy (Iona), the Celtic Church in Alban, Dissolution of the Celtic Church and the Establishment of the Roman system. On most of these subjects Mr. Keith has been successful in grouping—in a very readable way it must be confessed—a large amount of information of that nature which best answers the purpose he had in view. People who are acquainted with the multiplicity of books upon the questions dealt with by the author will be ready to congratulate him upon the completion of his task; and to hope with him that the growing love of investigation will be strengthened by the result of his researches, and will direct readers to the study of those more exhaustive works of Dr. Skene, which are a monument to the accurate scholarship of the age. The new history has been very well produced by the publisher, and it has an ample index.

esque"; for originality may be said to be the characteristic of Mr. Whistler's art.'

From the Religious Tract Society .- 'The Martyr's Victory,' a tale of Danish England, by Emma Leslie, is a story of missionary life in the ninth century. The author has handled the subject carefully, the result being a very creditable story of an age whose obscurity makes such literary efforts rather difficult. 'The Martyr's Victory' may be spoken of as being a graphic narrative, full of incident, and tolerably true to the traditions of the remote past.

- From the same .-- 'Christ and the Heroes of Heathendom,' by the Rev. James Wells, M.A., Author of 'Bible Echoes' &c., is a published series of lectures delivered to a Young Men's Literary Institute. The style being more popular than profound, the book should serve a useful purpose by pleasantly introducing youthful readers to an acquaintance with some of the greatest names in ancient story. Æschylus, Socrates, Plato, Epictetus, and others, form the subjects of the volume. A powerful paper is that on 'Christ and His Competitors.'
- From the same .--- 'Peril and Adventure in Central Africa' is a book having a peculiarly melancholy interest, being a series of illustrated letters to the youngsters at home by the late Bishop Hannington. The illustrations are from original sketches by the Bishop. A biographical notice precedes the letters. The volume should be a tavourite gift to young folk.
- From the same.—Dr. Macaulay, the editor of the Leisure Hour, is known to have a very happy facility for gleaning characteristic incidents from the written lives of great men. We have just perused his 'Livingstone Anecdotes,' being a sketch of the career, and illustrations of the character, of David Livingstone. The book is all that could be desired in a work of the kind.

From the same.—'Young Sir Richard,' by H. Frederick Charles, is a simple, pleasantly-written story that should have great attraction for young people, and that can scarcely fail to interest their seniors as well. The hero, Dick Hanbury, is so boyish, so thoroughly natural and human, bubbling over with high spirits, and perfectly irrepressible in his cheery light-heartedness, albeit a sad scapegrace and mischief worker, that the reader's sympathy goes out to him from the first, and is maintained throughout the account of his career. In artistic contrast to the hero is the character of Geoffrey Burton, equally sketched with great cleverness and force. 'Young Sir Richard' is a very good story, which should be highly appreciated by readers.

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- From Mr. Bernard Quaritch.—' Rainbow Music,' by Lady Archibald Campbell, is a contribution to the literature of what is termed the harmony of colours, from which it would appear that even a melody of colours may be looked for at no distant date. The book is interesting in so far as it shows a special and, to us, novel direction of thought. Lady Archibald says that 'a knowledge that gives the power to perceive and the wit to make use of the peacock as a beautiful theme for decoration, the genius to work it out and to From the Scientific Publishing Co. (Limited). impress it with a strong individuality, with a leaning fantastic-wards, is essentially "Whistler-
- From the Salvation Army Book Depôt.—Outside the ranks of the army not a few persons may be found willing to read something of its organisation and wonderful progress. All is fully described in 'Twenty-one Years Salvation Army' As under the generalship of William Booth. might be expected, the book is characterised by unctuous enthusiasm, and that indifference to conventionalities - which ignores the possibility of existence for any literary style.

'The Gas and Water Companies' Directory' for 1886. This is the tenth edition of a very useful

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book, and special care has been taken to increase its correctness. In a separate form, the same Publishing Company issue 'Water Works Statistics, 1886,' and 'Gas Works Statistics, 1886.'

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