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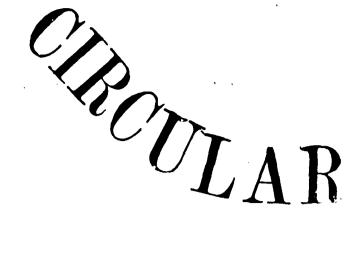
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#### St. Dunstan's House, E.C., March 1, 1890.

of more than passing interest in Mr. Gladstone's thousand, sheets of all kinds included.' It is article on that subject in the new number of plain, therefore, as Mr. Gladstone points out, the Nineteenth Century. From youth to age that specialism in the future must of necessity the ex-Premier has been an omnivorous reader, more and more abound, and that of course and, as might be expected, the paper in carries with it an ever-increasing division of question is full of practical hints on what may labour.' We must refer our readers to the be termed the library aspects of literature, article itself for Mr. Gladstone's brilliant Mr. Gladstone, like every true lover of books, survey of the libraries of the past, as well as believes that noble works ought not to be for his eloquent eulogium of books as the allies published in mean and unworthy forms, nor of thought, and the voices of the dead. It is cheapness secured by the sacrifice of elegance. more to our present purpose to call attention The binding of a book he regards as the dress; to the answer which the great statesman and with which it walks out into the world, whilst scholar gives to the question—What are we to paper, type, and ink are described by him as | do with our books? 'Shall we be buried under the body, in which its soul is domiciled; and them like Tarpeia under the Sabine shields? these three, he maintains, ought to be adjusted Mr. Gladstone passed over such obvious conto one another by the laws of harmony and ditions as are involved in the fact that the good sense.

through the earth, and books multiply with furnished with abundant light. such amazing rapidity, that in every two years nearly a mile of new shelving is required to meet the needs of a library like the British Yet Mr. Gladstone believes that love.' the present rate of growth is insignificant in comparison with what it is likely to become, to be kept in view in a library are economy of and therefore he holds that the period of encyclopædic learning has gone by for ever. In this respect, as in many others, the United Kingdom and the United States, with their far - reaching territory and their unity of speech, are likely to become still more prolific in the production of books. When England and America are 'fused into one book-market; when artificial fetters are relaxed, and printers, publishers, and authors obtain the reward which well regulated commerce would afford them, then let floors beware lest they crack, and walls lest they bulge and burst from the weight of books they will have

Already the literary to carry and confine.' arrivals every year at the Bodleian Library LL who have to do with 'Books and the amount to some twenty thousand; whilst at Housing of Them' will find not a little the British Museum they number 'forty building should be sound and dry, and the In these days, knowledge runs to and fro room in which the library is placed airy and assumes that the book-buyer is a book-lover, and that his attachment to the volumes he has collected is a 'tenacious and not a transitory

In Mr. Gladstone's opinion the chief aims space, good arrangement, and accessibility, without any vexatious waste of time. thinks that in a private collection, where the service of books has generally to be performed by the person who consults them, the volumes ought, as far as possible, to be assorted and distributed according to subject. Everybody must admit that it is an immense boon to know at once that all the books on a given topic in a given library are grouped together at a given spot, so that there is no necessity to hunt up and down through the whole collection. glancing at the best methods of classification, and making the inevitable admission that distribution by subjects, at all events in small libraries, must of necessity be controlled by the question of sizes, Mr. Gladstone proceeds to state that he has arrived at the conclusion not merely that the mechanical perfection of a library demands an alphabetical catalogue, but also that under the shadow of this catalogue there ought to be as 'miany living integers as possible, since every well-chosen subdivision is a living integer, and makes the library more and more an organism. I plead,' he adds, 'for individual men as centres of subdivision—not only for Homer, Dante, and Shakespeare, but for Johnson, Scott, and Burns, and whatever represents a large and manifold humanity.' Anything which comes between a man and the society of his books is to be avoided, and therefore Mr. Gladstone protests against highly ornate bookcases on the ground that they are not required, and detract from the true ornament of a library, which must always be the books themselves. Fresh from the arrangement of his own books at Hawarden, Mr. Gladstone tells us that if the wall space is divided by bookcases which project at right angles to it, it is possible in a library forty feet long and twenty feet broad to find space for eighteen to twenty thousand volumes of all sizes, without the place 'losing the appearance of a room, and assuming that of a warehouse.'

The final pages of Mr. Gladstone's article are devoted to a description of the best methods of dealing with a large number of books so that all may be visible, all within easy reach, and without destroying the character of the library as a room. It certainly does seem hard to have 'our dear old friends stowed away in catacombs, or like the wine-bottles in bins'; but, so far as public libraries are concerned, the disappearance from the light of day of books that are seldom or never in demand is inevitable.

## Books and Rumouns of Books

It is reported that Miss Braddon is preparing her reminiscences. She has now written more than fifty novels.

A Lancashire poet of some note, Mr. Edwin Waugh, is writing a book giving reminiscences of his early days.

The new volume of the 'Canterbury Poets' will consist of selections from the poetical works of 'Owen Meredith.'

Mr. Louis Stevenson is writing a book of stories which he intends to call 'South Sea Yarns.'

An anthology of the minor Scottish poets is being prepared by Sir George Douglas of Kelso for the 'Canterbury Poets' series.

It is reported that Mr. Michael Davitt is already hard at work upon a searching literary examination of the Report of the Parnell Commission.

Messrs. Seeley & Co. are publishing the 'Chemistry of Paints and Painting,' by Professor A. H. Church, of the Royal Academy.

Mr. E. C. Marchant has made a new collation of the second book of Thucydides in the British Museum MS., and Messrs. Macmillan will publish the book.

"Up and Down' is the title of a work which Messrs. Ward and Downey will shortly issue. It is written by Mr. G. S. Macquoid, and is a record of travel in Switzerland and Germany.

Mr. Alexander Maxwell. Dundee, is publishing a work entitled 'Old Dundee, Ecclesiastical, Burghal, and Social, prior to the Reformation.'

Messrs. Frederick Warne & Co. will publish a new story by Mr. J. McLaren Cobban. It deals with life in workhouse schools, and describes the operations of the Poor Law.

Mr. Stanley's 'My Kalulu, Prince, King, and Slave,' is now re-issued, and will form one of the volumes of 'Low's Series of Standard Books for Boys.'

Lord Acton, in Mr. Gladstone's judgment, is the most learned man in England. He possesses a library of one hundred thousand volumes, and knows how to use it.

We are glad to learn that Messrs. Kegan Paul, Trübner & Co. are about to publish a cheap edition, in one volume, of the poems of Mr. Lewis Morris.

Mr. William Archer's short biography of William Charles Macready, in the Eminent Actors' series, is to be published immediately by Messrs. Kegan Paul, Trübner & Co.

Mr. J. T. Gilbert has completed his sixth volume of the 'History of the Irish Confederation War.' It has numerous original letters and papers never before issued.

We learn that the authoress of that popular book 'History of a South African Farm' has prepared a volume of allegories which, it is said, Messrs. Blackwood and Sons will issue. The book is to be named 'Dreams.'

Considerable interest, both in Parliamentary and literary circles, is being shown in the forthcoming novel of Mr. William O'Brien, M.P. It is rumoured the story is longer than the usual three-volume form.

Mr. Murray will shortly issue a translation of the last work of Dr. Döllinger, 'Academic Studies.' These studies embrace 'Dante' and 'The Jews in Europe.' Miss Warre, an English lady, is the translator.

Mr. John Ashton's new book, 'Social Life under the Regency,' will be published shortly by Messrs. Ward & Downey. It will contain a number of droll reproductions from the caricatures of the period.

A romance by the author of 'The Mountain Kingdom' is to be published by Messrs. Remington. It will be named 'The Paradise of the North.' The work, we believe, relates to the Arctic Regions.

It is stated that the 'Leaves of a Life,' by Mr. Montagu Williams, is having a very large circulation, and that, notwithstanding the stiff price, no less than three thousand copies were disposed of in one week.

The Countess Martinengo has just published, through Mr. T. Fisher Unwin, a work which is likely to prove of considerable historical interest, 'Italian Characters in the Epoch of Unification.'

Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co. announce a 'People's Edition of Vanity Fair.' The volume will contain several full-page illustrations, and it will now be possible to buy Thackeray's most famous novel for a shilling.

An interesting dramatic venture is proceeding just now. Mr. Henry James is adapting one of his own novels for the stage, and such an experiment will doubtless be watched with eagerness.

Mr. Archibald Forbes is writing a book on Sir Henry Havelock for the 'English Men of Action' series. Mr. Walter Besant's companion volume, 'Captain Cook,' will be out this week.

Madame Darmesteter, better known as Miss Mary F. Robinson, is working on a field of history that has been somewhat neglected. She is writing a history of the Italian campaigns of the French king, Charles V.

Messrs. Longmans will issue shortly the closing portion of Mr. R. Bagwell's book on Ireland under the Tudor dynasty. The period embraced is that from 1578 to the close of Elizabeth's reign.

An interesting book, we hear, is nearly ready, from the pen of Mr. Augustus J. C. Hare, and will be issued by Mr. George Allen. It relates to France, where the author himself made numerous drawings, which are to be reproduced in the work.

Sir William Hunter is editing a series of important volumes called 'Rulers of India,' which the Clarendon Press will publish. Each book will be devoted to a particular epoch in Indian history, each writer being peculiarly fitted for his work.

Mr. Hugh Westbury, who is understood to be a Liverpool journalist, has nearly ready a novel dealing with the period of Nero. A previous story by this author attracted some attention. Messrs. Bentley & Son will issue the work, which is to be named 'Acte.'

An essay on the 'Development and Character of Gothic Architecture' is to be issued through Messrs. Macmillan, the author being Professor Moore, of Cambridge, U.S.A. A feature of the work will be its illustrations, chiefly from drawings made by the author.

It is reported that the late Bishop of Durham has left a considerable mass of valuable MSS., including a work on the saints of Northumbria, and notes on St. Paul's Epistles. He has also left numerous discourses on various aspects of the Christian religion.

Messrs. Vizetelly & Co. announce a new series of crown octavo volumes called 'The Cream of the Diarists and Memoir Writers.' The first volume will be published this month and consists of the 'Diary of Madame d'Arblay,' with notes by Mr. W. C. Ward.

We learn that the next volume of 'The History of the People of Israel,' by M. Ernest Renan, is delayed in consequence of exceptional pressure of work. 'L'Avenir de la Science,' however, from the same pen, will be issued in April.

We understand that Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons will publish early next week a novel dealing with an ideal state of future society; it will be entitled 'Looking Forward.' The author writes under the assumed name of 'Ismar Thiusen.'

We learn from New York that the International Copyright Bill has been reported on favourably from Committees to both Houses of

as that of last year. There is a strong hope felt that it will pass the Senate.

A letter from Mr. Hallam Tennyson destroys some pet theories that have found favour in regard to the localities of 'Locksley Hall' and the 'Moated Grange.' According to the poet himself, he had no particular spots in his mind's eye when he wrote on these subjects.

comparatively little literature Hitherto, has gathered round General Boulanger. are informed that M. Henri Ferrari is engaged on a work which will include much that relates to the General and his romantic career. It will embrace letters, songs, brochures, portraits, and caricatures.

Mr. Spurgeon did not, it seems, take an entire rest when he was at Mentone. He seized the opportunity to write a practical exposition of the Gospel of St. Matthew, and the book, to quote his own words, 'will in all probability come to the public through the press.'

Sampson Low & Co. have brought out a new and cheap edition of Stanley's 'How I found Livingstone,' and will issue shortly a new edition of Stanley's 'Through the Dark Continent.' 'The Story of Emin's Rescue' has reached a second edition.

Admirers of Dr. James Martineau will be glad to learn that a new work from his pen is ready and will shortly be issued. It is called 'The Seat of Authority in Religion.' The chief design of the work is to point out the ultimate ground of pure religion in man. Messrs Longmans are the publishers.

Messrs. Cassell & Co. have just brought out a second edition of 'The Splendid Spur.' by Q., the brilliant young author of 'Dead Man's Rock.' We notice also that Mr. Stevenson's historical romance, 'The Master of Ballantrae,' has already reached its sixteenth thousand.

Mr. Rider Haggard's 'Allan Quatermain' has had a curious result in America. A New York lawyer, having read the book, dreamed the same evening that he was in a sea, swiming away from reptiles. So vivid was the dream, that he dived out of bed and struck his head such a blow that paralysis set in with fatal effect.

The morality, or immorality, of Victor Hugo's romances has been in question in Ontario, in a singular way. Some booksellers having refused to execute orders, a suit was instituted to compel them. Priests who were

Congress. It is practically the same in form | were prohibited in the Index, but they did not consider them immoral.

> Messrs. William Paterson & Co. have nearly ready, a volume by Hugh Haliburton, entitled 'In Scottish Fields.' It is a prose contribution, and will doubtless prove of con-Mr. Haliburton is the siderable interest. author of 'Homer in Homespun.' engaged to edit a new edition of Thomson's 'Seasons' for the Clarendon Press.

> Those interested in the University Extension movement will be glad to know that a series of excellent manuals is in preparation which shall meet the wants of students attending the lectures. Professor Knight, of St. Andrews, is the editor, and Mr. John Murray the publisher. The various contributors are of acknowledged reputation.

> A cheap edition of Mrs. Craik's novelsuniform with the recently published popular issue of the works of Charles Kingsley, Miss Yonge, Thomas Hughes, and Marion Crawford —is announced by Messrs. Macmillan and Co. The first volume, 'Olive,' is just ready, and it is to be followed by 'The Ogilvies' in April, and 'Agatha's Husband' in May.

> Mr. Elliot Stock is about to publish, by subscription, a volume entitled 'Slavonic Folk Tales.' Many of these tales are entirely new to English readers, and the translator, Mr. A. H. Wratislaw, M.A., late head-master of the Grammar School, Bury St. Edmunds, has prefixed a brief introduction to the volume, and added explanatory notes.

> The correspondence between the Duke of Rutland and Mr. Pitt, embracing the period from 1781 to 1787, will shortly be issued by Messrs. Blackwood & Sons. The book will throw a great deal of light on the Parliament of Grattan, and the general condition of Ireland at that time. The present Duke of Rutland has written an introduction to the work.

> Mr. T. Fisher Unwin is bringing out a group of biographies to be called the 'Adventure Series.' These volumes will be concerned with the strange exploits and romantic escapades of 'Adventurers of all countries travellers, seamen, soldiers, buccaneers of note, famous robbers, and prisoners who have escaped from captivity.' Each volume is to be fully illustrated, and the first appears on the 3rd instant, 'The Adventures of a Younger Son,' by E. J. Trelawny, edited, with an introduction, by Edward Garnett, and interesting portraits.

The proprietor of Neal's Library, 248 Rue de Rivoli, Paris, and Messrs. Brentano, of London, New York, and Paris, conjointly called as witnesses admitted that Hugo's works announce the immediate issue of the first

a volume dealing exclusively with the English now a movement has been started in the same and American colony in Paris and environs. direction at Chiswick. The contents include a concise directory of Anglo-American residents, and professional and Technical School, has just been appointed by commercial houses of the capital. Information the Government of New South Wales generalis also given for the guidance of intending superintendent of technical instruction in that residents, students, and visitors. The official colony. section will contain the latest reports on all the Anglo-American institutions of Paris, charities, mission work, commerce, and sport.

Messrs. Griffith, Farran & Co. have in preparation a quarto illustrated volume on 'Living Leaders of the World.' It is intended that the book shall contain 'graphic biographies' of contemporary kings, queens, statesmen, inventors, preachers, authors, and other men and women of light and lead-The list of contributors are nearly all Americans, and the Transatlantic origin of the book is further suggested by the fact that 'graphic biographies' of 'millionaires' are also to be given, for the benefit, we presume, of the Stock Exchange.

Messrs. Truslove & Shirley, of St. Paul's Churchyard, are about to publish a work on 'Norwood and Dulwich—Past and Present.' The history of the well-known college at the latter place will be given, and also many interesting facts concerning the life of its celebrated founder, Edward Alleyn, of whom an etched portrait will be given. The illustrations have been either specially drawn or reproduced from rare engravings, and two interesting maps of the district, reprinted from Rocque's 'Map of London and its Environs, 1746, will also be included. The author of the work is Mr. Allan M. Galer, of Worcester and literary institutions in New York have College, Oxford.

## Notes and News

We hear that Mr. Henry M. Stanley has been elected a life-member of the Savage Club.

'A Lover's Litanies' is the name of a new volume of poems by Mr. Eric Mackay for the 'Lotos Series.'

Phonography is now in use in the following languages: French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Italian, Welsh, Hindoo, and Malagasy.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Campbell Praed has been unwell of late, and we understand that she contemplates a prolonged visit to the East for the benefit of her health.

There is an appreciative estimate of 'Matthew Arnold's Writings,' from the pen of Sir M. E. Grant-Duff, in the new number of Murray's Magazine.

We have received from Messrs. G. W. Bacon & Co. a Photo-Relief Map of Scotland, on rollers, showing the mountains, lakes, rivers, &c., in a clear and vivid manner.

Free Libraries have within the last few

yearly edition of the 'Anglo-American Annual,' ham, Ealing, Kingston, and Brentford, and

Professor Ripper, principal of the Sheffield

We learn from New York that Mr. Andrew Carnegie has founded on a generous scale a new public library in the City of Alleghany. He has offered to enrich Pittsburg in a similar manner.

The concert at the Prince Albert, Greenwich, on the 22nd ult., in aid of the Almshouse Extension Fund of the Printers' Pension. Alushouse, and Orphan Asylum Corporation realised the sum of £21.

Accounts from Hartford, Con., modify the previous reports of the health of the author of Uncle Tom's Cabin.' Mrs. Beecher-Stowe is able to take walking exercise when the weather is fine.

The March number of Cassell's Magazine will contain an article by an old reporter on 'The Work of Public Speakers,' which will be illustrated by a series of portrait sketches of Eminent Parliamentary Orators, by Mr. Harry Furniss.

Messrs. S. W. Partridge & Co. are now announcing their fourth edition of 'H. M. Stanley, the African Explorer,' by A. Montefiore, F.R.G.S. The third edition, enlarged to 192 pages and brought up to date, was disposed of in three weeks.

Mr. Astor, the American millionaire, has bequeathed, we are glad to learn, a sum of four hundred thousand dollars to the Astor Library, and by his will many of the artistic also been enriched.

In our issue of January 15 Carlos' 'History of British India' was incorrectly priced in the list of new books at 7s. 6d. The i ook is one of the Pitt Press series, published by Messrs. C. J. Clay and Sons, and the price is 1s.

We are glad to learn that the Institute of Journalists is making rapid and satisfactory progress. One of the most noteworthy features of late is the fact that a Royal charter of incorporation has been obtained. The institute has now a membership of nearly two thousand.

With a view to the discussion of Indian affairs, a new journal has been established, the first number of which has just appeared. The paper is named India, and deals exhaustively with the pressing problems recently debated at the Bombay Congress.

At the annual meeting last Saturday at the Society of Arts of the Newspaper Press Fund it was reported that the sum of £1,191 had been granted during the year to necessitous The invested press-men or their widows. funds amount to £20,000.

A rare library will be in the market shortly, that of Mr. Thomas Gaisford, Offingyears been established at Richmond, Twicken- ton, Sussex. In the department of Italian poetry and romance, it is specially rich. also contains some rare editions of the English poets.

The most noteworthy prize in the library of the late Judge Berwick, sold recently in Dublin, was the second edition of the Heptameron (Paris, 1559), in the original binding, with armorial bearings blazoned in gold and colours, and surrounded with the Colours of the Golden Fleece. It realised £100.

The laying of the foundation-stone of St. Martin's Free Library will be an event of more than usual interest. The Prince of Wales, who is to be accompanied by the Princess, will perform the ceremony, and accommodation is being prepared for 2,000 spectators. March 18 is the day fixed.

The will of the Rev. Edward Bradley, well known as 'Cuthbert Bede,' devises his real estate, and bequeaths all his personal estate, including his copyrights and manuscripts, to the use of Mrs. Bradley for her life, and, subject to her life interest, for all his children in equal shares.

We hear that Mr. Mitchell's famous collection of drawings will shortly be sold. The collection is rich in specimens of the work of Holbein, Albert Dürer, and the early masters of the Netherlands and Germany. expected that some keen European competition will be seen at this sale.

Messrs. Kenrick & Jefferson, of West Bromwich and Birmingham, have just published a 'National Telelogue Book' and a 'Triple Telegrams Book,' the one for keeping a record of telephonic messages received and transmitted, and the other for triplicating telegrams.

Under the second rule of the Athenæum Club, which provides for the election of a certain number of persons annually of distinguished eminence in science, literature, or the arts, the following gentlemen have just been elected: Mr. Luke Fildes, R.A., Sir D. Mackenzie Wallace, and Mr. George Dennis.

It was decided, at a meeting last Saturday at the White Swan, New-street Square, to found a seaside convalescent home for printers. The promoters aim at making the institution self-supporting, and suggest that every member of the trade should contribute a halfpenny per week for that purpose.

We understand that the British Museum has made a gift of 5,000 volumes to the Guildhall Library. The authorities of the former institution have been enabled to do this because the books are duplicates. We also understand that a proposal is on foot to purchase for the library the scarce and valuable collection of illustrated works on natural history by the late Mr. John Gould, offered for sale by Messrs. Sotheran & Co., for the sum of £770.

We regret to hear that Lord Tennyson is rather seriously ill. The poet, who is residing at Farringford just now, caught a severe cold recently. Happily the critical stage in an ill-

It | already passed. A portrait of Lord Tennyson is being painted by Mr. W. B. Richmond, A.R.A. The work is proceeding in the Isle of Wight.

The announcement that the library of Mr. W. B. Scott is to be sold must excite a good deal of interest in literary circles. It is exceedingly valuable in regard to first editions of the English poets. It contains the first edition of 'Chapman's Translation of Homer.' Milton, Spenser, Wordsworth, and Byron are well represented; and first editions of the later poets are plentiful.

We have received from Messrs. Cassell & Co. the first parts of two new serial issues, 'The Illustrated Book of Canaries and Cage Birds,' and 'The World of Wonders.' The latter work will be profusely illustrated, and the former will contain facsimile coloured plates. The plate in the number before us is skilfully and beautifully executed.

A catalogue was seen the other day in London with some interesting marks on the margin. They indicated books which Mr. Gladstone had requested to be forwarded to him 'per the Hawarden Carrier.' These works included a book on Manx customs, a work by F. D. Maurice, a tract on Irish history issued in 1757, a book on Charles James Fox, one on Ossian, and another on the so-called epistles of Phalaris.

A very important collection of autographs will, we are informed, be disposed of in London by Messrs. Sotheby during the present month. It will include letters of Thackeray, Byron, Browning Napoleon, and there is a document signed by King William of Prussia and Prince Bismarck in 1868, and a letter from Henry IV. of France. The collection also includes some brilliant pen and ink sketches by the author of Vanity Fair.

Professor Silvanus P. Thompson read a paper at the Society of Arts, on the 19th ultimo, on 'The Organisation of Secondary and Technical Education in London.' Professor pointed out how completely the Charity Commissioners had failed to grasp the opportunity presented to them by the Act of 1883, and had devoted the money at their disposal to certain institutions, none of which could be said to form a link between primary schools and the higher colleges; whilst dayschools, in which secondary education was carried on, had been overlooked.

What is to be called 'A Stanley and African Exhibition' is, we learn, to be opened in the Victoria Gallery during this month. It will have numerous portraits and relics illustrative of the life of missionaries and natives in the dark regions of the earth. Mr. Stanley has promised his own collection, and the missionary societies are taking a deep interest in the movement. It is also supported by the King of the Belgians, and a whole host of men related to the geographical field of knowledge.

The will of Mr. Robert Browning has some interesting features, one of the most ness which occasioned considerable alarm is noteworthy of which is that it is signed by the Poet Laureate—'A. Tennyson, Freshwater, I.W.' The other signature is that of 'F. T. Palgrave, 5 York Gate, London, M.A., University, Oxon.' The personal estate in the United Kingdom is sworn under £16,774. The property goes to Mr. Robert Browning, subject to a payment of £200 per annum to Miss Browning. The will throughout is in the poet's own handwriting.

We publish to-day an important letter, dated Cairo, February 17, from Mr. Edward Marston. It gives an amusing account of the writer's journey to Egypt; and we feel sure our readers will be glad to obtain Mr. Marston's graphic pen-and-ink portrait of the great explorer as he now appears after his long wanderings on the Dark Continent. It is pleasant to learn that Mr. Marston, who has known Mr. Stanley for many years, never before saw him looking half so well, and that he is in fact, in spite of the terrible privations through which he has passed, in the best of health and spirits.

The paragraph in our last number announcing and describing the Art World is, we are informed, premature and misleading. The facts are as follows: the first number of the Art World will not appear until the commencement of the ensuing art season. It will be a weekly newspaper in the interests of art and artists of the present day in the United Kingdom, containing news, literature, and examples of current home productions with old and foreign comparisons. Its illustrations will be chiefly photographic reproductions, and in colour under the direction of the Pioneer of Permanent Photographic Printing for Illustrations in 1873.

An interesting book, a model of artistic printing and binding, was recently presented to the President of the French Republic by Messrs. Eyre & Spottiswoode, the Queen's printers. Mr. W. Hugh Spottiswoode, a member of the firm, who was accompanied by Mr. H. C. Heinrich, the manager of the Bible publishing house, in making the presentation, expressed the hope that the President would accept this copy of the Bible as a mark of personal respect, and as a souvenir of the memorable Exhibition of 1889. The President, in reply, expressed himself delighted with the artistic beauty of the binding and printing, at the same time intimating his desire to deposit the book in the National Library of France. The Bible is one of the Queen's Printers' celebrated Lectern Bibles, now in use in Westminster Abbey and in most of the English cathedrals; it is bound in the finest Turkey Levant morocco, with cushioned boards, the edges being red under gold. The book bore the following inscription on a panel of leather inside the cover: 'A son Excellence Monsieur Sadi Carnot, Président de la République Française, témoignage de respect et souvenir de l'Exposition Universelle de 1889. Offert par MM. Eyre et Spottiswoode, Imprimeurs de sa Majesté la Reine d'Angleterre.'

## American Nofes and News

Messrs. Harper & Brothers have in preparation 'God in His World: an Interpretation,' a volume by a well-known American man of letters, whose name is withheld. They will also publish soon a new and improved edition of the 'Illustrated History of Ancient Literature, Oriental and Classical,' by Professor John D. Quackenbos. The book has been enlarged by the addition of a carefully selected bibliography. The maps, diagrams, and text have been revised so as to reflect the results of investigations carried on by specialists since the publication of the first edition, over ten years ago.

Carlos Martyn, a writer who enjoyed a close personal acquaintance with the famous orator and philanthropist, Wendell Phillips, has written an extended biography of the man which he calls 'Wendell Phillips, the Agitator,' and which Messrs. Funk & Wagnalls, of New York, will soon publish.

The third and fourth volumes of Henry Adams's 'History of the United States,' relating to Thomas Jefferson's Second Administration, 1805 to 1809, have just been issued by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Professor Frederick L. Ritter, of Vassar College, has revised and enlarged his popular 'History of Music in America,' and the new edition is to be brought out soon by the same firm, who will publish simultaneously a volume of essays by Dr. Philip Schaff, called 'Literature and Poetry.' Some of the topics discussed in the latter are the English Language, Universities Ancient and Modern, Dante's 'Divine Comedy,' the great Latin hymns, 'Dies Iræ' and 'Stabat Mater,' and the Poetry of the Bible.

A very good portrait of Mr. F. Marion Crawford, author of 'Mr. Isaacs,' 'A Roman Singer,' &c.—the first, we believe, that has appeared in any periodical—furnishes the frontispiece of last month's Book-Buyer.

Mr. R. R. Bowker announces in the Publishers' Weekly his resignation of the active editorial management of that journal and cognate publications issued from the same office. Regret will be widely felt in the American book-trade at Mr. Bowker's withdrawal from the management of the exceedingly useful publications of the Weekly office.

A series of volumes on Masters of the Art of War, written by Col. Theodore A. Dodge, will be issued by Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., of Boston; the first, 'Alexander the Great,' appearing this month. These volumes are said to be amplifications of sketches which appeared in Col. Dodge's book on 'Great Captains,' and in the 'Alexander' a history of the origin and growth of the art of war from the earliest times to the death of Philip of Macedon is given, together with a detailed narrative, historical and critical, of the military life of his illustrious son. The book will be illustrated with many charts of battles and manœuvres, drawings of ancient military and siege machinery, weapons, and portraits.

Messrs. Ginn & Co., Boston, will publish soon for students and academies a selection of 'The Best Elizabethan Plays,' exclusive of Shakspeare, in one volume, edited with an introduction by William R. Thayer. The selection comprises 'The Jew of Malta,' by Marlowe; 'The Alchemist,' by Ben Jonson; 'Philaster,' by Beaumont and Fletcher; 'The Two Noble Kinsmen,' by Fletcher and Shakspeare; and 'The Duchess of Malfi,' by Webster.

Messrs. Roberts Brothers, Boston, will issue this month 'Albrecht,' a story of the time of Charlemagne, by Arlo Bates, and 'The Bagpipers,' by George Sand, the translation being the work of Katherine Prescott Wormeley. This work of George Sand has not before been translated into English.

The J. B. Lippincott Co. announce for early issue in book form the 'Recollections of George W. Childs,' published serially in Lippincott's Magazine, and 'Starlight Ranch, and other Stories of Army Life on the Frontier,' by Captain Charles King, author of 'The Deserter,' 'In the Ranks,' &c.

'A History of Printing in the City of New York' is being prepared by W. W. Pasco, in two quarto volumes, to be abundantly illustrated.

Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, have in preparation a limited edition of the writings of John Jay, to be issued in four volumes uniform with their 'Hamilton,' 'Franklin,' and 'Washington.' Much of the material to be used in these four volumes has never been published. The editor is Prof. Henry P. Johnston, who will receive valuable assistance from the present John Jay. The Messrs. Putnams announce further that they will follow the set of Jay with an edition of Thomas Jefferson's works in nine volumes of the same style.

Prof. T. W. Hunt, of Princeton, has just completed a work entitled 'Studies in Literature and Style,' which will shortly be published by Messrs. A. C. Armstrong & Son, New York. The author's aim in these studies is said to be to state and illustrate fundamental types of style, with primary reference to the needs of English literary students.

'Following the Guidon' is the title of a story of army life on the plains which Mrs. General Custer, author of 'Tenting on the Plains,' has ready for publication.

With the number for January 1890, Shakespeariana becomes again an octavo like the first volume; henceforth it will be an illustrated quarterly. In this number subscribers are furnished with a fine portrait of the late J. O. Halliwell-Phillipps; the issue is also largely made up of recollections and literary remains of that famous Shakspearean scholar and critic.

## Continental Notes

'Dante's "Divine Comedy," said Thomas Carlyle, 'is a sublime embodiment of the soul of Christianity. . . . In this song of Dante had ten silent centuries, in a very strange

way, found a voice. All cathedrals, pontificalities, brass and stone, and outer arrangements never so lasting, are brief in comparison with an unfathomable heart-song like this; one feels as if it might survive (still of importance to men) when these had all sunk into new, irrecognisable, combinations, and had ceased, individually, to be.' Contemporary evidence, so far, confirms the truth of this prediction of the vitality of the work of 'that master of all the knowledge that was within the compass of his age,' to use Mr. Gladstone's words in his article on Books in the Nineteenth Century for this month.

The well-known firm of F. A. Brockhaus, of Leipzig, announces the fourth volume of Dr. G. A. Scartazzini's edition of the 'Divine Comedy,' containing the Prolegomena. This volume is almost a necessary supplement to all editions of Dante, because of its exhaustive treatment of the study of the great Florentine poet from an historical as well as from a literary point of view.

The same firm publishes a German translation of Stanley's Letters; a fifth edition of 'Through the Dark Continent;' and announces the German authorised version of the African explorer's magnum opus, which will appear simultaneously with the English edition.

In this connection we may mention 'South Africa: Travelling Recollections of Henry P. N. Muller, Director-General of the Dutch East African Trading Company.' This important work is divided into six sections, of which the titles are: Delagoa Bay, Natal, the Transvaal, the Diamond Fields, the Orange Free State, the Cape Colony. It is written in the Dutch language, and is published by Mr. A. W. Sijthoff of Leyden.

MM. Hachette & Co., of Paris, issue the second volume of Eugène Müntz's 'History of Art during the Renaissance,' containing Italy, the Golden Age, and treats of the Renaissance.

M. Jules Rothschild has published, in his series of 'Scientific Gossips,' a popular account of the Universal Exhibition of 1889, by Henri de Parville, with a preface by M. Alphand, the Director-General of the building. The volume contains 700 illustrations, with portraits and plans.

Maison Quantin has just published the first volume of the Spitzer Collection, containing 60 full-page plates, and many illustrations in the text. The work will form six folio volumes.

Bibliothèque Charpentier publishes an interesting book by General Tcheng-Ki-Tong, on the 'Pleasures of China.'

M. Calmann Lévy has published a new work by that ever juvenile favourite, Alphonse Karr, called 'The Ogre's House'; Pierre Loti's 'In Marocco,' reprinted from L'Illustration; and 'Campaign Stories,' by the Prisoner of Clairvaux, the Duke of Orleans.

'Artistic Algiers,' of which we have just received the first part, reflects the greatest credit on the flourishing and interesting French colony of Algeria, and also on the excellent

taste of its publisher, M. Gervais Courtellement. The literary and artistic contents of this part are alike deserving of the highest encomiums. The first article describes the changes which have taken place in Algiers since the French occupation. This is followed by 'Farfaria,' a romantic story of an Algerian Herodias, by Paul Margueritte. To these succeed 'Kalaa,' by H. Berand, which is full of historic interest; 'On the Quays,' by Charles de Galland, a graphic account of the immigrants to Algiers from Spain and elsewhere; and a sort of burlesque Arabian Nights Entertainment, entitled 'Vendetta,' which is admirably illustrated, concludes the first issue of a most promising periodical undertaking.

#### MR. MARSTON AND MR. STANLEY AT CAIRO.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Circular.

Sir,—It is by no means an everyday occurrence for a publisher to travel so far from his native land, for the purpose of encountering an author, as I have travelled at the invitation of my good friend, Henry

M. Stanley.

This exceptional occurrence induces me to think that a brief account of my wanderings may not be without interest to the readers of the Publishers' Circular. I left London on the 7th instant, and I left it foggy and damp and wet, but not cold. As I travelled eastward towards the rising sun, the weather, contrary to my expectations, became colder and colder. From Paris to the Italian frontier I slept the sleep of the just in a Pullman sleeping-car, therefore I cannot speak of the weather during that night; but, on emerging from the Mont Cenis tunnel in the morning, not only the mountains but the valleys were deeply clad in snow, and the nearer we approached Turin the deeper it became. I had decided to stop a few hours in that beautiful city to catch the Indian mail, which I was wrongly told would leave there at 6 o'clock the same evening. I had arrived there at 12 o'clock, and, when too late, I found the mail train really did not pass through Turin till 3 o'clock next morning. I trudged through the streets of Turin, where the snow lay in huge heaps, then being carted away, the fall during the previous night having reached six inches on the level. Now the sun was shining at our summer heat, and I found heavy clothing a burden. After a run through the Cathedral I dined at the Railway Hotel, and remained there as long as they would let me; but I was turned out at 12 o'clock, and I had to manage as well as I could in a fireless and unlighted waiting-room till that Indian mail came in. I reached Brindisi and left it in the dark—what it is like, or whether it is worth seeing, I know not. I got on board the P. & O. s.s. 'Rome' at 3 o'clock A.M. There we found a lively company, Mr. and Mrs. Terry being the lions. The Mediterranean was cold and rough, the chief event to me being that a puff of wind carried the great man was abed. my hat where it was useless to follow; so for met. the remainder of the voyage I was indebted to warmth, which did my heart good. the kindness of a fellow-passenger. Mr. and lived together ever since. I may tell you that

Mrs. Terry kept the company alive, and games, music, songs and stories were the order of the

day and night.

At Port Said we were detained several The mails left by a small steamer at 7 o'clock A.M., so we had to stick to our ship to Ismailia and telegraph for a special train to take us on to Cairo. The passage down the Canal would be very monotonous were it not for the novelty of the thing and the queer antics of the baksheesh boys on each shore. We quitted the good ship 'Rome' at Ismailia. There about fifty of us left for Cairo. The scene of parting was comically affecting. It was quite dark. All the Indian passengers came on deck to see They sang 'Auld Lang Syne' and other songs—hurrahed, shouted, and screamed. The young officers affected the deepest sorrow 'Bear up, darlings!' they at parting with us. cried, 'it will never do for all of us to break down—booh! hoo!" The darkness and the crowd of faces on the tender and on the ship, lighted up by electric light, presented a very picturesque scene.

Having crossed the lake, we had to walk about half-a-mile to the station. The scene there, in getting our luggage through the Custom-house, is indescribable; the shouting, yelling, screaming, and fighting of the Arab porters in the dimly-lighted darkness was

something quite new to me.

We got off at last at 11 P.M. All our passengers, about fifty in number, had written for rooms at Shepheard's Hotel. On reaching the midway station at Zukuzik, a telegram was received by one of the passengers—'Hotel Advise all passengers to stop till tofull. Consternation reigned supreme. What could be done? Camping-out seemed to be the general expectation. Being safely provided for myself, I comforted them as well as I could by the reflection that it was not a very cold night, and it would soon be morning. About 2 o'clock my opposite fellow-traveller woke me out of the first doze I had just got into by seizing my hand and wishing me 'many happy returns of the day' (it being my birthday). Then there was shaking my hands My health was proposed and all round. drunk, the beverage being one bottle of sodawater, which was all that the company could muster, and which was decanted by lucifermatch light. Songs were sung. I was called upon to return thanks, which I did in the dark and with becoming brevity. Thus it happened that my sixty-sixth birthday was celebrated in an Egyptian railway carriage. in profound darkness—for our lamp had long since gone out—and in the midst of a delightful company of ladies and gentlemen whom ! never saw before I met them on the boat, and whom, in all probability, I shall never see At Cairo we all parted, every one again. looking after himself and his belongings.

This is a long digression on my road to Stanley. His courier met me at the station and Needless to say, carried me off to his hotel. Next morning we He received me with most affectionate We have

his hair, cut quite short, is perfectly white, LITERATURE AT THE ANTIPODESand adds much dignity to his appearance. He is, of course, thoroughly bronzed. I have known him for many years, but I can truly say, as I told him, that I never before saw him looking half so well. He is the picture of health and vigour. He is as merry as a boy, full of stories and anecdotes of his adventures. Our after-dinner chats are delightful. wish I could remember and record them; for example, he has just been telling me how he and his officers sat down in Starvation Camp to dine off two bananas, the only scrap of food They were they had in the whole camp. jovial even then; the officers amused themselves by drawing up a menu, each one choosing his dish. It was headed—

Roast Beef and Plum Pudding, and plenty

of it.

Ham and Eggs galore.

More Roast Beef.

Rump Steaks.

&c. &c.

This was at a time when, as I have said, there was not a scrap of food in the camp, and they knew not where to look for any, but fully expecting death for all if it did not arrive within twenty hours!—a somewhat unique instance of being jolly under adverse circumstances.

Mr. Stanley is devoting absolutely the whole of his time, from early in the morning sometimes as early as six o'clock—till late at night, in writing his great book. You will be interested in knowing that considerably more than one-half of it is already written out, and I shall bring away a very large portion of the whole. I have an artist with me, who is taking Mr. Stanley's instructions about the illustrations. The maps—of which there will be three large ones and 13 most interesting small ones, having historical reference to the sources of the Nile and the Mountains of the Moon, from documents specially supplied to him by the Khedive-are all ready for me to put in hand on my return. I have read a good part of the text, and I think I may say, without being accused of puffing, that it is profoundly interesting.

I am happy to add that Mr. Stanley was well pleased to learn from me that I had completed satisfactory arrangements for simultaneous publication in France by Messrs. Hachette & Co., in America by Messrs. Scribner's Sons, in Germany by Mr. Brockhaus, in Spain by Espasa & Co., in Italy by Messrs Treves, and in Scandinavia by

Mr. Mallings.

have just induced Mr. Stanley—for the first time since I have been here—to take a walk for half-an-hour. We walked down to the Nile-my first sight of the mighty river. 'There,' said Stanley, 'is the river of which I discovered the sources, and now you have discovered the mouth. Eight months ago I drank its waters at the very sources (at Isonga), and now I may be drinking the very same water here, for it takes about eight months to now from source to mouth.'

E. MARSTON.

Hotel Villa Victoria, Cairo, Egypt: Feb. 17, 1890.

Poetry is the first growth of genius in these lands, and it is not surprising that it should be so, for virgin nature has supplied its imagery and also attuned its inception and idealism. The earliest book of verse was undoubtedly Barron Field's 'First Fruits of Australian Poetry,' privately printed in Sydney, N.S.W., in 1819. Mr. Douglas Sladen claims precedence for George Barrington, who wrote a somewhat curious prologue to a play ('The Revenge') in 1796, but the lines are hardly worth preservation. New South Wales, however, without question, has the honour of being the birthplace of colonial literature, and in poetry fully a quarter of the versifiers who have flourished in Australasia during the past half-century dwelt in that colony. Head and shoulders above all the poets of New South Wales towers Henry Kendal (1842–1882), whose tones come to us clear and sweet as the harmonious chime of bells borne from a distance by the zephyrs of a summer evening. When dealing with the darker shades of bush life, its solitude, its adventures, and its terrors, Kendal shows a dramatic power that almost electrifies the reader. On quieter themes, his muse is tenderly emotional and exceptionally free from the harsh discordant notes of false sentiment. There is a strong temptation to quote from the works of some of the best-known Australian writers, but that does not come within the scope of these notes. Kendal was one of the few poets who were born in Australia. The majority of the others were colonists, and it is not to be denied that the greatest of them all is Adam Lindsay Gordon, whose grand descriptions of life, work, and adventure in the 'early days' are deservedly destined to take a permanent hold on the estimation of the English-speaking race throughout the world. Gordon's name is associated mainly with the colonies of Victoria and South Australia. His works are so well known that it is needless to speak here of their manifold merits in grace, tone, and strength. The most critical and earnest of students of Australian poetry, Mr. Douglas Sladen, does not exaggerate when he says that he can give no better idea of Gordon's power in Victoria 'than by calling him the Australian Burns; not that his poems bear the least resemblance to those of the immortal ploughman, but because he is essentially the national poet, he who dwells on the tongues of the people.' Mr. Sladen is himself a poet of distinction, whose works are known in more extended fields than Victoria. The other colonies have produced quite a number of poets, whose works are far from being ephemeral. Queensland can boast of Alexander Forbes ('A Voice from the Bush'), J. Brunton Stephens ('Queenslander,' 'Convict Once,' &c.), and Francis Adams. From South Australia come Alfred Chandler ('A Bush Idyll') and Emma Anderson. Garnet Walch and Caroline Leakey are among the representatives of Tasmanian talent. difficult to restrain the impulse to wander under sunny skies in such pleasant company;

but if we succeed in guiding our readers to new fields of literary delights a good work will

have been accomplished.

Before dismissing the subject in these rough notes, poetry of New Zealand claims attention. Intrinsically and in inspiration it differs considerably from that of the sister colonies. All, or nearly all, of the products of the Australian muse relates to human experiences in a new country, to its fauna and flora, to its sunny skies and shimmering seas. There are not many places in Australia where landscape may be said to rise to the sublime. New Zealand is very different in this respect, for there is hardly a district that is not ennobled by the grandest and most majestic of natural scenery. Even the far-reaching, but fertile, level of the Canterbury plains becomes imposing when one looks at the distant range of snow-capped mountains which, rising sierralike, stand like an impregnable rampart. That 'noble scenery makes noble men' is a common saying. He would, indeed, have a cold heart that could say it had not made noble poetry among the colonists. Another incitement was to be found in a land—

'Where a people primæval is vanishing fast, With its faiths and its fables, and ways of the past.'

Yes, old Maori-land was full of the most poetical of traditions and quaint legends, handed down from times long before the redcoated pakehas had to be fought. The folk have succumbed, but the folk-lore still lives, and tells the poet to speak. The majestic mountains, too, and the rivers, lakes, and farstretching forests of noble trees, urge him to sing of their glories. Minstrels have begun their lays with a very lively cadence. Alfred Domett stands in front of all. He seems to have been saturated with Maori patriotism. His warlike epics are as clear and strong as the blasts of a trumpet sounding the charge; while his love songs have a tenderly melodious expression well suited to the lustrous-eyed, fervid damsels of the sunny south. Alexander W. Bathgate and Ebenezer Sturry Hay have also written verses on New Zealand life and scenery, which are well worthy of preservation. Very excellent selections from the works of most of the Australasian poets appear in the volumes edited by Mr. Douglas Sladen, and students will find them valuable guides to more extended reading.

Prose does not seem to have risen to any great height in Australasia. We know of few representative books, but in fiction there are signs of a new progress. Years ago 'His Natural Life' attracted attention, and lately we have had a novel which outstrips everything of its kind, namely, 'Robbery under Arms.' Should many books with such a marked degree of truthfulness to nature, intensified by irresistible dramatic force, come from our kin beyond the seas, they need have no doubt that their literature, in prose and verse, youthful though it be, will take a natural position among the institutions of the great country of the future.

WILLIAM STEPHEN.

#### ANNALS OF SCOTTISH PRINTING.\*

The subject of this volume, which is a technical one, with little sentiment or romance about it, necessarily appeals to a limited circle, and yet the authors have done their work with a patience, discretion, and completeness which is highly gratifying. The early history of printing in Scotland had precarious conditions. As early as the first years of the sixteenth century, however, there were men north of the Tweed of such calibre as Walter Chepman and Myllar, who by indomitable perseverance laid deep and strong the foundations of that press which has so much contributed to Scotland's greatness. At this period, as well as later, the art of printing and the spread of literature were greatly helped by royal favour. James IV. gave his friendship to Chepman, and this contributed in no small degree to the success which the latter obtained in his early struggles to introduce printing from the Continent. But while Chepman acted as director of the forces, it is to Androw Myllar that belongs the honour of being Scotland's first printer. The authors pursue their inquiry right through the sixteenth century, tracing the various names and history of successive printers, examining with marvellous detail the existing specimens of their art, pointing out the defect of each copy of their work, and explaining minutely the slow development of the typographic art during that period. But there is in this volume that which will interest others besides critics in the art of printing. Throughout the work is scattered much valuable information concerning contemporary history. Kings, queens, peers, and commoners all find a place in the rise of the press; and the methods by which quaint and curious volumes printed three centuries ago found their way into the British Museum, the Bodleian, the Society of Antiquaries, the Cambridge University, and into many other libraries of castle and college, light up the book with a glow of deep interest. philologist will find something here to interest him, for this is at once a history of printing and a history of words. We are taken back a long way in our study of language to meet with such words as sek, which means a measure of wool weighing about 680 lbs.; nallis, a weight for wood of 7 lbs.; oncostis, which means expenses; hop, a heap or lot; wellus, velvet; and mynryn, which signifies lessening.

The ordinary reader into whose hands this volume falls will surely learn a lesson of gratitude for the progress in book-printing during three centuries. The specimens of the black-letter type with which printing was begun, and the reproductions of the woodcuts by which various subjects were originally illustrated, should be sufficient to induce every student to give his tribute of praise to the memory of those to whose resolute efforts we owe our well-printed and easily-read books to-day.

In the beginning of the sixteenth century

Annals of Scottish Printing, from the Introduction of the Art in 1507 to the Beginning of the Seventeenth Century. By Robert Dickson, L.R.O.S.E., and John Philip Edmond. Cambridge: Macmillan & Bowes. 1890.

learned Scotchmen were dependent almost | entirely upon the printing-presses of the Continent for the publication of their works. The efforts of the men who are chronicled here, however, gradually brought to their country the means to disseminate what its brains already had the power to create. Nowhere in history has the force and patience of the Scotch character come out more strikingly than in these records of the conquest of printing difficulties and in establishing the foundations of a powerful press. The authors have admirably succeeded in accomplishing the work which they set before them, and have laid the reader under final tribute by a most exact and copious index.

A NEW PUBLISHING SYNDICATE.—It is stated in a cablegram from New York that 'an English syndicate, with a capital of £5,000,000, for the formation of a school-book trust, is announced; but, unless the combined English capitalists succeed in completing their purchases by May 6, a number of leading publishing houses here will combine and form an American school-book trust. Mr. Appleton, chief of the great book house of Appleton & Co., will accept the presidency, and a site for a central building is already being considered. Authors and teachers and proprietors of schools oppose both schemes: the authors because it may equalise the value of their productions, and the teachers because it will deprive them of the privilege of preference. The firm of Harper Brothers have declined to join either the English or the proposed American trust.'

THE PUBLISHING TRADE IN EDINBURGH.— The Standard, commenting upon the changes passing over Edinburgh as a literary centre, remarks that one by one the publishers who once made it famous have opened establishments in London, and now it appears that another of the great firms which still maintain a literary leaven in the Metropolis of the North have reluctantly been compelled to follow the fashion. The Blacks, whose name appears on the title-page of the 'Encyclopædia Britannica 'and on the well-known editions of Scott's works, will, it is true, continue as of old to carry on business at the familiar house on the North Bridge. But, like Blackwood and Chambers, they will concentrate to a large extent the active life to their house amid the din and smoke of London. Their workshops will be in Edinburgh, but the chief distributing centre will be found in Soho Square. It is inevitable that this should be. There are still great publishers and some excellent writers in Edinburgh. But the publishers have one after another added 'London' to their imprint, though they may not have actually closed their doors in the North.

THE INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF AUTHORS.— The annual meeting of this society was held on the 27th ult., at Willis's Rooms, under the presidency of Mr. Walter Besant. The report of the Committee contained a number of useful following:—(1) Not to sign any agreement of from his position as Manager of the Export

which the alleged cost of production forms an integral part, unless an opportunity of proving the correctness of the figures is given them. (2) Not to enter into any correspondence with publishers who are not recommended by experienced friends or by this society. (3) Never, on any account whatever, to bind themselves down to any one firm of publishers. (4) Not to accept any proposal of royalty without consultation with the society. (5) Not to accept any offer of money for MSS. without previously taking advice of the society. (6) Not to accept any pecuniary risk or responsibility without advice. (7) Not, under ordinary circumstances, when a MS. has been refused by the well-known houses, to pay small houses for the production of the work. The Chairman dwelt upon the necessity of looking closely into the publishers' statements respecting the cost of production, and recommended young authors to take the advice which the society was willing to offer, and so avoid the blunders and disappointments to which the inexperienced were liable. It was proposed to bring out a book explaining the different methods of publishing, under the editorship of the Secretary. The volume will probably be ready about Easter.

STATISTICS. — From NEWSPAPER Newspaper Press Directory' for 1890 we ascertain that 'there are now published in the United Kingdom 2,234 newspapers, distributed as follows:—

England— London ... **478** Provinces...  $\dots 1,290-1,768$ Wales ... ... 89 Scotland 194 Ireland... 160 Isles 23

Of these there are—

144 Daily Papers published in England Ditto Wales Ditto 19 Scotland Ditto Ireland 15

Ditto British Isles On reference to the first edition of this useful Dictionary for the year 1846 we find the following interesting facts—viz. that in that year there were published in the United Kingdom 551 journals; of these 14 were issued daily—viz. 12 in England and 2 in Ireland; but in 1890 there are now established and circulated 2,234 papers, of which no less than 185 are issued daily, showing that the Press of the country has more than quadrupled during the last forty-four years. The increase in daily papers has been still more remarkable; the daily issues standing 185 against 14 in 1846. The magazines now in course of publication, including the quarterly Reviews. number 1,752, of which more than 430 are of a religious character, representing the Church of England, Wesleyans, Methodists, Baptists, Independents, Roman Catholics, and other Christian Communities.'

RETIREMENT OF MR. ALFRED SUTTON.— After a connection of over thirty years with hints and cautions, amongst which were the the house, Mr. Alfred Sutton has just retired Department of Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle & Rivington, Limited. Held in the highest esteem by his employers as well as by his confrères, and, indeed, by all who know him, as well for his business as for his sterling personal qualities, Mr. Sutton's retirement must for a long time to come be felt, we may truly say, as a personal loss by those who have been so long and so pleasantly associated with him in business life. It was the desire of the firm to mark their appreciation of his services by giving a farewell dinner to Mr. Sutton, but at his own wish the idea was abandoned. On Thursday evening last, however, the assistants at St Dunstan's House presented him with an illuminated address accompanied with a handsome stationery case, appropriately inscribed, as a token of their sincere esteem and appreciation. The presentation was made in a graceful speech by Mr. Emden, and Mr. Sutton responded in feeling terms, and gave some interesting reminiscences concerning the early days and growth of the firm. Mr. Sutton is a most successful amateur rose-grower, and when, during the rose season, any happy or sad event has occurred in the families of his employers, rarely indeed was a basket of the loveliest roses absent, and there was no need to ask where they came from. In heartily wishing Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Sutton a long and happy life among their flowers and plants in their new home in Shropshire, we are sure we express the feelings of all who know him, and that includes the representatives of most of the book, music, and other export and general publishers at home and in the colonies.

IMPORTANT SALE OF BOOKS, MSS., AND AUTOGRAPHS.—Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodge have concluded an important sale of books, MSS., and autographs from various libraries, including autograph MSS., poems, and letters of the poet Moore, Sir Walter Scott, Tennyson, Charles Dickens, and Lord Nelson. Many of the lots were of special literary in-The items worthy of note were as follows: Octavo—'Dancing Master,' with directions for dancing and times for the treble violin, rare, 1716—£6 (Ellis). 'Æsop's Fabulous Tales,' compiled in Scottish metre and now Englished, black letter, 1577, and Gelli's 'Fearfull Fansies of the Florentine Cooper,' black letter, in one vol., the first being very rare—£6 (Hazlitt). Ainsworth's 'Rookwood,' illustrated by Cruikshank-£7. 17s. 6d. (Pickering). America. Varthema (Ludovico di), 'Itinerario nello Egitto, nella Soria, nella Arabia deserta felice, &c. Et al presente agiontovi alcune Isole novamente ritrovate, Vinegia, 1535—£13 (Glendinning). Burton's 'Arabian Nights,' 16 vols., printed by the Kamashastra Society for private subscribers only—£25. 10s. (Rae). Bartsch's 'Le Peintre Graveur'—£9. 10s. (Quaritch). A complete Pack of Cards, representing the principal victories and events in the reign of Queen Anne; the King and Queen of Hearts are Prince George of Denmark and the Princess Anna Sophia of Hanover, King and Queen of Clubs are Charles III. of Spain and Queen Anne of England, and King and Queen of

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MR. JOHN FREDERICK DWERRYHOUSE.

Mr. John Frederick Dwerryhouse died on February 22 after a short illness, aged fifty. He was a member of the staff of Messrs. Terry & Co. for twenty-one years, and was much esteemed both in business and private circles.

#### MR. ALEXANDER HAY.

Mr. Alexander Hay, for nearly twenty years book-keeper in the firm of Messrs. Kirby & Co., has just passed away at the age of fifty-four. He was well known to the trade and highly respected.

#### SIR ROBERT KANE.

The death is announced on February 17 of Sir Robert Kane, F.R.S. For a long period he was a prominent figure in literary and scientific circles in Dublin. For some chemical discoveries he made the Royal Hibernian Academy awarded him its gold medal. He was the author of a very valuable work on 'The Industrial Resources of Ireland.'

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Beautiful,' 'Young Italy,' 'Historic Pictures,' 'Francis the First, and other Historic Studies,' and some political pamphlets.

#### DR. JAMES LORIMER.

We also regret to record the death of Dr. James Lorimer, Professor of Public Law in the University of Edinburgh, who passed away on February 13. The late Professor took a very warm interest in the cause of University education, and in recognition of his services in that respect a scholarship, to be called 'The Lorimer Scholarship,' is about to be instituted. As an author Professor Lorimer was well known in legal circles both in this country and on the Continent, and his principal works, 'The Institutes of Law' and 'Institutes of the Law of Nations,' are held in high repute. He was the author of a number of other works, besides being a frequent contributor to periodical literature.

#### MR. A. THOM.

We hear that Mr. A. Thom, LL.D., has died at an advanced age. From 1839 to 1855 he was a judge of Rupert's Land. Having emigrated to Canada, he established about 1832 a paper called *The Settler*, but was shortly afterwards appointed editor of *The Montreal Herald*. He was selected to assist Mr. Buller (afterwards the Right Hon. Charles Buller, M.P.) in drawing up, and was understood to be the author of a large portion of Lord Durham's celebrated report on the state of Canada.

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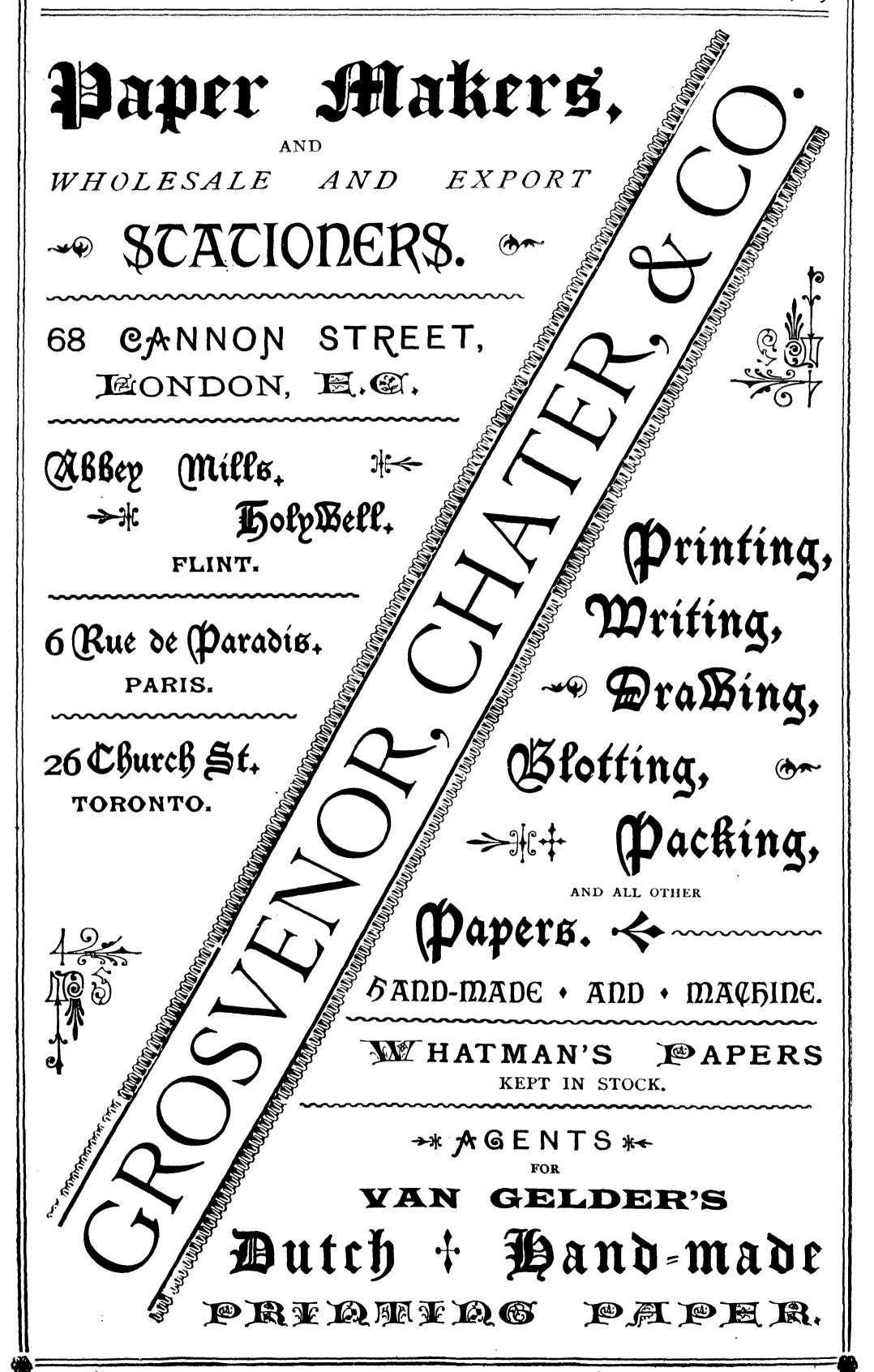
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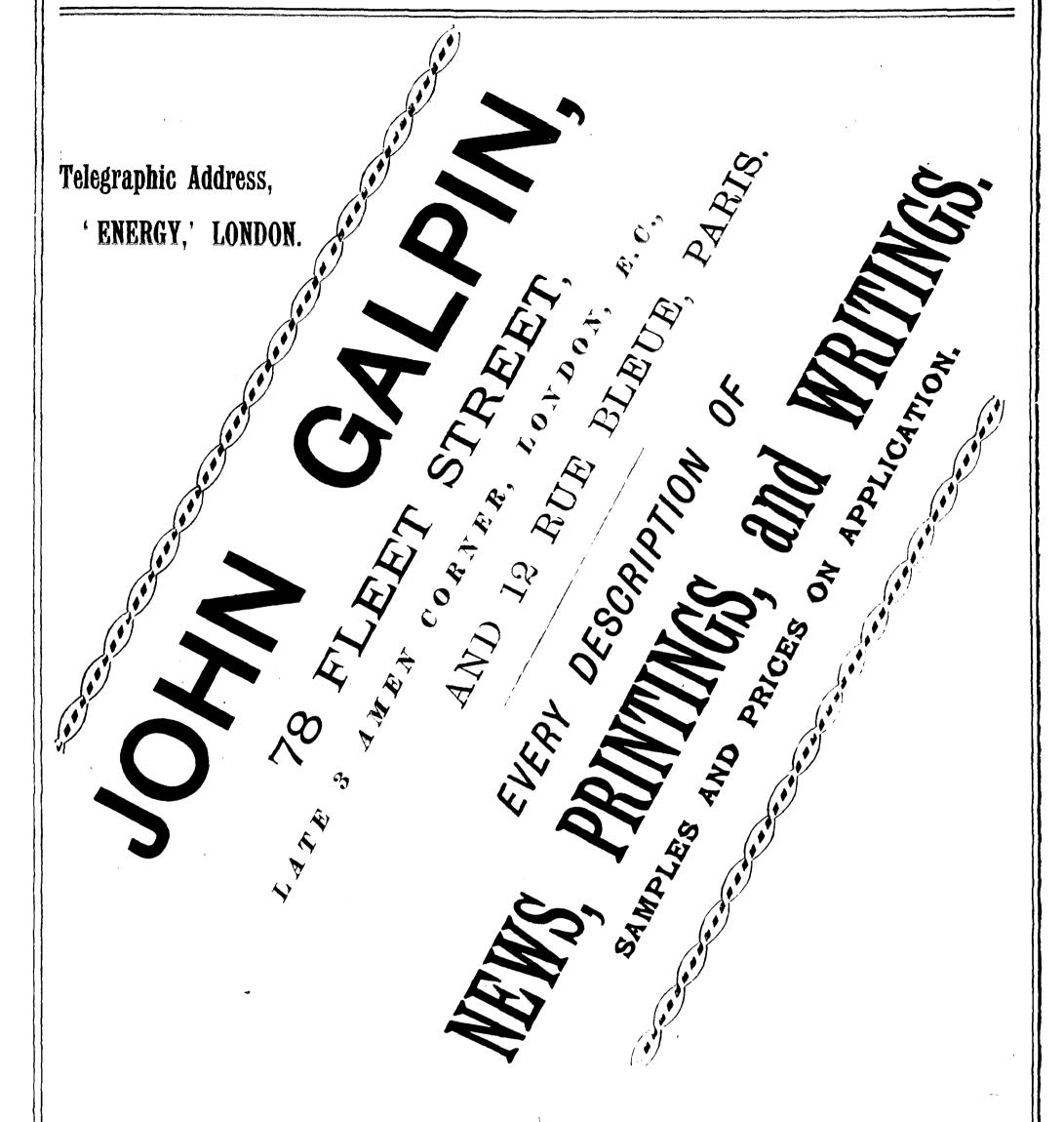
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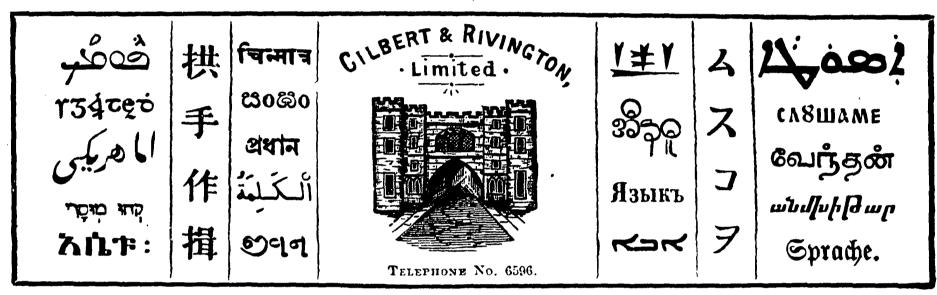
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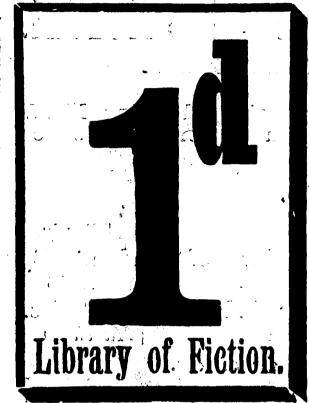
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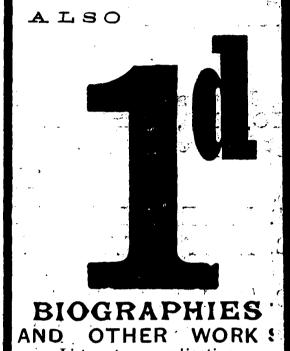
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