 HILE all other domestic legislation has been impeded by the pressure of Irish affairs, the great scheme of national education has been steadily carried forward, and although the appointment of an Education Minister with a distinct portfolio seems likely to be preceded by the nomination of a Minister of Agriculture, the independence of the Vice-President of the Committee of Council is well assured, and, as far as the elementary schools of the country are concerned, they may be said to have in Mr. Mundella a recognised head and a warm friend. In the schools for the lower-middle classes-for that section of society which stands aloof from the Board School or the National School, and has little connection with the endowed Grammar School-much still remains to be done ; but even here there are signs of movement, and if the Teachers' Regulation Bill does not pass into law it may be assumed that some measure with similar aims will ere long be introduced into Parliament. When we reach the schools of the highest grade there is abundant evidence of activity and of improved organisation ; and the head masters' conferences, the examinations in each school by University men specially appointed to test and report upon the attainments of the boys, and the stimulus afforded by the adoption of open competition for the public services, all tend to raise the general standard of school work. To keep pace with the requirements of examiners and masters, and ta afford the largest measure of assistance to the pupils, is the function of the authors and publishers on school literature, and in the pages of our present number there will be found the most ample evidence that they are not only alive to their responsibilities, but that they are discharging them with ability and liberality. Here, as elsewhere in the educational arena, competition is the order of the day, and the old names associated with the school memories of the patriarchs amongst us now stand side by side with many others whose contributions ${ }^{\text {a }}$ our store prove that the educational circle is ever widening.

For students of the higher grade we may note the educational series and manuals of Mr. William Smith, published by Mr. John Murray ; the science primers, literature primers, and historical works, of Messrs. Macmillan, who can boast of such authors and editors as Huxley, Green, and Freeman; the Clarendon Press List of text-books in almost every branch of subjects; the issues of the Cambridge University Press, which include the admirable 'Cambridge Bible for Schools,' the more recent ' Cambridge Greek Testament,' and the 'Pitt Press Series' for the local examinations; the classical texts of Messrs. Seeley, who also publish the elementary works of Dr. Abbott, the Head-Master of the City of London School ; and the 'Public School Latin Course' of Messrs. Longmans. A valuable series of geographical works and several agricultural manuals form the prominent feature of Messrs. Blackwood's class-books. Messrs. Blackie \& Son, in addition to Ogilvie's well-known Dictionaries and their 'Comprehensive Readers,' publish Poynter's 'South Kensington Drawing Books' and Vere Foster's Drawing and Copy Books. Messrs. William Collys, Sons, \& Co. (Limited) include all the ordinary school subjects in their catalogue, and as a specialite the 'Special Account Books' and 'Copying Letter Books' may be ment oned. For Geographical Works and Atlases, from the most elaborate treatise down to the simplest elementary text-book, the list of Messrs. W. \& Keith Johnston will be found to supply every need; of Geographical and other Readers Mesars. W. \& R. Chambers have a wide selection; and in school-books of the same class Messrs. Thomas Nelson \& Sons' 'Royal Readers' are framed with a special view to the latest requirements of the 'Codes.' Art education finds its publishers in Messrs. Smith, Elder, \& Co. Dr. Cornwell's and Dr. William Davis's well-known School-books are issued by Messrs. Simpkin \& Co. 'Miss Corner's Historical Library,' withits sale of more than two hundred thousand copies as a voucher of excellence, still $b$ ars the imprint of Messrs. Dean \& Son. Messra. Brown \& Nolan are pul)lishing an admirable 'Classical Series.' Messrs. Brckers \& Sons, in addition to their School-books, have a varied assorimant of books for Prizes, and in this latter category must be placed the list of Messrs. Hurst and Blacketr. There is scarcely any department of School literature, from the lowest to the highest, which is outside the range of Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, \& Rivinatos, and they not only give a varied assortment of English books, but provide an equally extensira selection of American books. We must refer our readers to our advertisement pages for the works of Messrs. Cassell \& Co., Mr. F. Norgate, Messrs. Griffith \& Farran, Lockitod \& Co., \&c.

The letter from the head of Messrs. Puttick \& Simpson's firm, published in our lad number, must have served to correct any misapprehension, if such existed, as to the relation which the Sunderland Library sale of December bore to the whole of this famous collection, the books then dispersed forming only one-fourth of the grand total which will have found s new home by the end of the present year. The sale of the second section is now definitivels arranged to take place from the 17th to the 27 th of April, forming, by the exclusion of the inter vening Sunday, another ten days' fight for the booksellers and the bibliophiles. The catalogagj of tiwo hundred and twenty pages, will be found amply to bear out the promise of the prefatory note, that 'although not perhaps so profuse in its riches as that of the first portion -the
catalogue must be unique which includes in it a large series of the rarest Bibles, and the most important editions of Boccaccio-it will yet be found to contain books of immense interest.' First in order of notice, among the rarities of this list, are the four editions of the 'Faictes, Dictes, et Balades' of Alain Chartier, chief among which is the edition of 'Le Caron,' generally regarded as the first. Next comes a remarkable series of Chronicles-Latin, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Limousin ; including the first volume of the first edition of the 'Chroniques de S. Denys'-the first French book printed at Paris with a date ; the perfect copy of Verard's edition of the same work, printed in 1493; and the firstedition of the 'Chroniques de Normandie,' printed at Rouen in 1487, by Guillaume Tailleur. The next gems of the collection are said to have been hitherto undescribed by bibliographers-the 'Chronica del Rey Don Rodrigo,' printed in 'Hispali' by Lazaro de Gayanis in 1499, thus antedating by twelve years the edition of Cromberger printed at Seville in 1511, the most ancient known to cognoscenti up to the present time. It is therefore claimed for the edition of Lazaro de Gayanis that it is the first, and, in the language of the sale catalogue, it is therefore unique. The second surprise for the learned in book-lore is the 'Coronica del Cavallero Guarino Mesquino,' another work from a Seville press, bearing the imprint of Juan Varela, and the date March 15, 1527. This must rank as at least the second edition of the Spanish translation of the famous Chronicle, credit being given to the edition in the Columbine Library, as being actually the production of the date assigned to it- $\mathbf{1 6 1 2}$.

Another strong feature in the sale will be the noble collection of the Classics, at the head of which must be placed the editions of Cicero, including no fewer than twenty-seven editions of the complete works of the master, beginning with the first of 1498-9, and closing with that of Gronovius, of 1692. There are many rare and choice editions of the separate works. In Manuscripts there are some remarkable 'numbers,' among them being the Opuscula of the Fathers, Chrysostom, Gregory of Antioch, and Gregory of Nazianzen ; a Palimpsest Codex, containing an uncial MS. of the Gospels of the 8th century; the works of Ephraem Syrus, a Greek MS. of the 13th century, and two Greek service-books of the same and the next century.

Another feature which will have an attraction for specialists is the long series of books and tracts-reaching to five hundred lots-relating to French affairs, and extending over a century, from 1563 to 1663 . The subjects are religious, political, and social; and as many of the works were surreptitiously printed, their rarity is probably very great. The edition of the Illustrated Clarendon's History will probably excite some competition, many of its 360 portraits being drawings, copied in sepia from celebrated originals. As companion volumes to the Boccaccio gems of the first sale, there are some rare editions of Dante in the present catalogue, including a MS. of the Inferno, with an elaborate Latin Commentary by Guido of Pisa, assigned to the commencement of the 13 th century ; and then follow a series of very rare printed editions, including the first edition of 1472 , and other scarcely less choice tomes published within the next ten years. The list of first editions of rare works, especially of the Fathers of the Church, is most imposing, and there are some beautiful specimens of books printed on vellum.

The Catalogue is, like its companion of the first section, full of interest, and should be in the hands of all collectors. The sale of the third part of the library is promised for July.

The dispersal of the Blenheim Library is to be followed by the sale, in the coming summer, of the equally superb collection of the Duke of Hamilton's Library, at present stored in Hamilton Palace. The Beckford Library, which forms the most important part of the property, Was removed from Fonthill by the 10th Duke, the grandfather of the present Peer, into whose hands it passed, owing to his marriage with Mr. Beckford's daughter, and to this already rich inheritance his Grace added many equally valuable treasures collected by himself. The whole library will be sold in June, by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge, and a catalogue is in preparation. The manuscripts alone number about 800 , with examples of Byzantine, Italian, German, Netherlandish, and French palæography and miniature from the 9 th to the 16th century. Among these are a folio Evangeliarium of the 12 th century, finely illuminated; a Greek manuscript, with painted figures in the borders, having a carved ivory relief on the binding in the Italian style of the 14th century; a large folio Evangeliarium of great rarity and beauty, written in letters with golden capitals, on a crimson-coloured vellum, considered to be a work of the 8th century by a Frankish or German scribe. Another curious manuscript is of the 13th century, with the calendar bearing the effigy of St. Godehart, patron saint of Hildesheim. But the Italian manuscripts are even more interesting and of extreme rarity. One of these is unique, being the Divina Commedia of Dante in folio, each page illustrated with a picture drawn in outline with the pen, and though by various artists, yet many are by the hand of the famous master Botticelli, who was a great admirer of Dante, and, as is woll known, designed the drawings from which Baccio Baldini engraved his illustrations in the Landino edition, a rare copy of which is the gem of the Althorp Library. This manuscript, therefore, is a most interesting example of 15th century art, and the drawings are pronounced The Dr. Waagen to he the finest and most original illustrations of the kind ever produced. There ane no leas tham 88 drawings in this wonderful manuscript. There are also two other manuscripts of Dante im follio, with miniatures; a commentary on the Code of Justinian, with rude miniatures in the style af Giotto, thought to be by some scribe of Bologna about 1360;
a Latin Bible, with miniatures in the style of Andrea Orcagna, is described by Dr. Waagen as ' in design and treatment belonging to the finest specimens of Italian works of this time,' and other noticeable examples, with several manuscripts on vellum of the 'Roman de la Rose,' one of the Arthurian legends of the 'Table Rond,' and the original drawings, on vellum, of Androuet du Cerceau for his 'Plus excellent Bastiments de France.' A large collection of the rare old French and Italian 'Facetiæ,' a folio manuscript of the 'Poésies de Villon' (1535), and another folio vellum manuscript, with beautiful miniatures, 'Pèlerinage de la Vie Humaine,' are among some of the most curious in the manuscripts. The printed books embrace many editiones principes, many on vellum, others large paper copies, some bearing the arms of former great collectors and the devices of ancient printers, or rendered specially attractive by the autographs of famous littérateurs, such as the Aldine 'Apuleius' of 1521, with the autograph of De Thou, which is reputed to have belonged also to Grolier. The Aldine 'Pindar' of 1513 has its beauty as a fine editio princeps enhanced by being ornamented with the impressed devices of Henry II. and Diane de Poictiers. The 'Orlando Furioso' of 1584, with all the plates by Porro, and in the binding of Padeloupe; several early editions of Montaigne, including the quarto of 1588 ; two copies of the Aldine edition, 1499, of 'Poliphili Hypnerotomachia,' one in the Beckford, the other in the Hamilton section, are other books of notable rarity.

In a few days Messrs. Longmans and Co. will bring out two volumes, by Dr. Bain, of Aberdeen, on 'The Mills, Father and Son.' The volume on James Mill is an exhaustire biography; that on John Stuart Mill gives a full criticism of his writings and character, together with personal recollections and some important family documents. The same firm will issue at once a new novel, in three volumes, entitled ' In Trust, the Story of a Lady and her Lover,' from the pen of Mrs. M. O. W. Oliphant, anthor of 'Chronicles of Carlingford' de. They also have in the press a 'History of the Papacy during the Reformation, by M. Creighton, M.A., Vicar of Embleton, Northumberland, late Fellow and Tutor of Merton College, Oxford, in 2 vols. 8vo. The first portion of Mr. J. A. Froude's long-promised ' Life of Thomas Carlyle' will be published by Messrs. Longmans in March. The work will be in two volumes, and will be confined to the first forty years of his life, 1795-1835. The same firm also will publish about the same time the third and fourth volumes of Mr. Lecky's work, 'The History of England in the Eighteenth Century.' They will deal with the period between 1760 and 1784 .

A work by Mr Leslie Stephen, on 'Ethics,' is shortly to be published by Messrs. Smith, Elder \& Co.

The St. James's Magazine for this month, enlarged and improved, contains the first instalment of 'A Wicked Woman,' a tale by R. E. Francillon, author of 'Olympia' \&c.

Messrs. Macmillan \& Co. are shortly to publish a life of the late Professor Clerk Maxwell, by Professor Campuell and Mr. William Garnott. The book is to contain a number of illustrations.

Messrs. V. White $\mathcal{E}$ Co. will publish very shortly a new novel in three volumes, br Florence Marryat, entitled ' Phyllida.'

Under the title of 'Modern Artists,' Messrs. Chapman \& Hall have projected a sumptuous series of biographical sketches, with characteristic portraits, and of critical studies of the works of the great painters of the day. The publication will consist of twelve biographis, each containing 24 folio pages of text, profusely illustrated with facsimile reproductions of original drawings by the artists themselves, and views of their studios and residences. The first section of three parts will consist of:-Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., John Everett Millais, R.A., and Hubert Herkomer, A.R.A.

The new wing which has been added to the Inner Temple Library by pulling down the chambers of 2 Tantield Court, is now almost completed, and will, it is expected, be rery shortly ready for use. The additional accommodation thus secured consists of two large and commodious rooms on the same floor as the existing portion of the library, the communication being through an arched droorway. In case of fire, however, the two parts can be entirely separated by means of movable iron doors, and hydrants are also laid on all over the building. There is likewise a very convenient room on the ground floor, which is to be devoted to the use of the students as a lecture-room, access to which is gained by a separate entrance from the side facing King's Bench Walk. The additional part of the library is built of red brick faced with stone.

It has been decided by the Leeds Town Council to establish a free museum for the borough, in connection with the public library.

The University of Güttingen has 'called' to succeed the late well-known Orientalist, Professor Benfey, a professor at the Deccan College at Poona, in Bombay, Professor Keilhom, who has obtained distinction among his confreres through the publication of a Sanscrit Grammar, and ty researches among the Sanscrit manuscripts in India.

The Roman paper, the Riforma, is about to commence the publication of an Italian translation of 'Daniel Deronda.'

A prize of $£ 200$ is offered by the Institute of Science and Art of Milan for the best life of Leonardo da Vinci. The time allowed is four years. It can be written in Latin, English, Italian, French, or German.

Messrs. Warrington \& Co. have now ready the British Imperial Calendar, and Civil Service List for 1882, also the Index and Companion to the Calendar.

Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage for 1882 is promised to appear about January 21.

We regret to announce the retirement of Mr. John Newman, owing to ill-health, from the well-known publishing house of Messrs. Hurst \& Blackett.

Messrs. Marcus Ward \& Co. will shortly publish a Life of Victor Emanuel, by Edward Dicey, M.A. The volume will form one of the New Plutarch series of biographies, containing a portrait drawn and engraved by Mr. Thomas Scott.

Messrs. Spalding \& Hodge, in order to meet the requirements of their business, have found it necessary to open a city branch at 34 Cannon Street, E.C.

A small work-' A Year in Manitoba'-of some interest to intending settlers in the Canadian North-West, will be issued immediately by W. \& R. Chambers, of London and Edinburgh. It is entitled 'A Year in Manitoba, being the Experiences of a Retired Officer in Settling his Sons, with Illustrations, Observations on the Country, and Suggestions for Settlers generally. It also contains a section comprising practical hints to intending emigrants.

On the 4th of February, 1882, Chambers's Journal will have completed its fiftieth year, and, in commemoration of the happy event, Dr. William Chambers, the senior conductor, will offer to his readers a résumé entitled 'Reminiscences of a Long and Busy Life.' This summary of a long and active business career-upon the preparation of which great care has been bestowed -will appear in the part of the Journal to be issued at the end of January.

Messrs. J. \& R. Maxwell will issue next week Captain Marryat's Novels in penny books, uniform with Miss Braddon's abridgments of the Waverley Novels. They will also publish cheap editions of Miss Mary Cecil Hay's ' Brenda Yorke,' and Mr. W. S. Hayward's 'Diana's Defender.' A new novel, in 3 vols., by the Author of 'Lady Audley's Secret,' will appear early next month.
'Bell's Standard Elocutionist,’ lately published by Messrs. Mullan \& Son, has been purchased by Messrs. Hodder \& Stoughton, who are now issuing the one hundred and first thousand.

Messrs. Puttick and Simpson are selling an admirable library on the $16 \mathrm{th}, 17$ th, and 18 th instant, including Ruskin's 'Two Paths,' some original editions of Dickens' and Thackeray's works, and many books of considerable rarity.

Messrs. Longmans have added the Rev. J. G. Wood's 'Strange Dwellings' to their sixpenny series, to which they have given the name of 'The Sunbeam Series.' Boys will note it a marvellous sixpenny-worth, for it has all the choice illustrations for which the original edition is so well known.

No. I. of the new paper entitled 'Thrift,' a Monthly Journal of Social Progress and Reform, has made its appearance. It is published by the National Thrift Society, 1 Finsbury Circus, E.C.

Messrs. Collins, Sons, \& Co. of Glasgow, whose establishment for the manufacturing of stationery is almost the largest in the kingdom, have long been famous for the excellence of their work and the lowness of the price at which the articles can be sold. At Messrs. Collins' London Warehouse, Bridewell Place, we have seen samples of their students' note-books, the 'Hexible series,' of which there are three kinds, post 8 vo . The leather of the binding, of smooth American cloth, is turned in rather than cut flush, and the paper is the best cream laid. Of the 'diced series' of note-books there are three kinds in large post 8 vo . and three in medium 8vo. The effect produced by dicing the material of the binding is found to give these books all advantage in selling-they look better. We have also to direct attention to Messrs. Collins' account books, with their new rulings, which make it easier for clerks to avoid mistakes. These books are also paged and indexed. The varieties especially brought before us at the moment are the guinea ledger, in half rough calf, the half-guinea, the crown, and the halfcrown account books. These are all strengthened by cloth joints, so that they cannot well cume to pieces. A very convenient feature of Messrs. Collins' arrangements is the department for turning out account books which customers may have taken orders for, and which are required guickly. The new catalogue of stationery materials includes, we find, mathematical instruments, water colours, drawing materials for training and scholastic purposes.
Tradition says that Martin Tromp, the Dutch admiral, having defeated the British admiral Blake in 1602, cruised in the Channel with a broom at his masthead-a punning intimation that he would sweep the English from the sea. Blake retorted by hoisting a whip, and, in the following year another desperate but indecisive battle was fought between the rival fleets. Subsequently Blake fell ill, the command devolved upon Monk, who defeated the Dutch off their own coast after a stubborn fight, during which Tromp was killed. Blake's whip has developed into the pennant, a long narrow flag flown from the masthead of every British inan-of-war in commission; while the broom at the masthead now intimates that the veesel on all it is for sale. The above, it is only right to say, is but a minor example of the notes in all manner of topics which are found in the Oracle-ch iefly as answers to inquiries. Indeed it might alnuost be said that our useful contemporary is a budget of answers to correspondents.
Mr. Buxey, of Southampton, has written us a letter about the charges for penny periodicals in the wholesale trade. Ten years ago, or thereabouts, the publishers raised their charges one penny per dozen to the trade, on account of the high price of paper, labour, coals, \&c. The purport of Mr. Buxey's communication is that there is no longer an excuse for the increased
charges which have so long been submitted to ; that coals, labour, and paper are not dear now, and that, altogether, the cost of production for periodicals has been lessened rather than otherwise. Therefore, Mr. Buxey hopes that some of the competing journals will lead the way towards a more libera 1 tariff.

Professor Mommsen intends leaving Berlin for Italy soon, to restore in part his fine collection of inscriptions which perished by the loss of his library by fire here some time ago.

Literary partnerships have resulted before now in matrimonial engagements, but it is not often that the partners to both contracts are such distinguished persons as those whose betrothal is just announced at Paris. According to the correspondents in the gay capital, the Marquis de Villeneuve Esclapon is to marry, next month, Princess Jeanne, daughter of Prince Pierre Bonaparte, her dowry being 2,000,000 francs. The Gaulois states that the young couple became acquainted by contributing, one to the preface, the other to the illustrations of some forthcoming Provençal poems by Mr. William Bonaparte Wyse, the friend of M. de Villeneuve and cousin to the Princess.

The principal enterprise in American bookmaking in 1882 will consist, we are told, in publishing the third revised edition of Appleton's 'American Cyclopædia,' in sixteen volumes.

The new work by Mr. Edward Rae, author of 'The Land of the North Wind' and 'The Country of the Moors,' will be published at cnce, by Mr. Murray. It is to be entitled 'The White Sea Peninsula' and is an account of a journey undertaken by Mr. Rae in 1879, in the course of which he made the circuit of Russian Lapland, and sailed half round the White Sea. The work, which will be illustrated by numerous etchings and woodcuts, will contain information concerning the customs, religion, and folk-lore of the Lapps and Samoyedes, and is to be furnished with a vocabulary of Russian Lapp, Samoyede, and Russian words and phrases.

Mr. George Willis Cooke, whose recent work entitled ' Ralph Waldo Emerson, his Life, Writings, and Philosophy,' just issued by Sampson Low \& Co., is engaged upon 'a fuller historic account of the Dical, the magazine edited nearly half a century ago by Emerson, George Ripley, and Margaret Fuller, with biographical sketches of those of its contributors who are otherwise unknown to the public,' as complete a list as possible of writers and their several contributions, and an index. Apropos of this, Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin, \& Co., of Boston, present to the subscribers of the Atlantic Monthly for 1882, a large-sized lithographic portrait of Ralph Waldo Emerson, which is an excellent likeness.

Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, will issue in February the second volume of William Shepard's series on 'The Literary Life.' It will be entitled ' Pen Pictures of Modern Authors,' and will contain sketches, anecdotes, and personal reminiscences of the famous writers belonging to the present half of the nineteenth century, from Carlyle and George Eliot to Bulwer and Disraeli.
'The Moral Responsibility of the Insane' is treated of in the January issue of the North American Review, by Drs. Beard and Seguin of New York, Dr. Elwell of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr, Jewell of Chicago, and Dr. Folsom of Boston. Other articles are: 'The New Political Machine,' by Wm. Martin Dickson; 'Shall Women Practise Medicine ?' by Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi ;' The Geneva Award and the Insurance Companies,' by J. B. Cole ; and 'A Chapter of Confederate History,' by F. G. Ruffin.

Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin \& Co., Boston, U.S., are about to issue a new catalogue of their publications, to be called the 'Portrait Catalogue,' from the fact that portraits from "rool of many of the most eminent authors appear in it. The same firm will soon publish a 'Life of John Singleton Copley,' the painter, by Mrs. Charles Amory, containing an engraving of his likeness by himself.

The indefatigable editor and proprietor of the Publishers' Weekly, Mr. F. Leypoldt, New York, has just issued the first section of what he terms the 'Enclosure Catalogue;' it is a 32mo. of 80 pages, and published under the title of the 'Books of All Time,' a guide for the purchase of books, compiled by F. Leypoldt and Lynds E. Jones, and consists of the works, with their sizes and prices (but not names of publishers), of such standard English and American writers as are most in demand by private buyers. To the works of each writer are appended notes by the best critical authorities of England and America, descriptive of the author and his writings, pointing out their characteristics, influences, excellences, etc. This Catalogue thus forms a compact and novel manual of classical English literature. A sjecias edition, printed on larger and thicker paper, has also been issued for retailing purposes, in neat paper covers. Copies of this Catalogue can be had from Messrs. Sampson Low d Ce., terms on application.

Mr. Presley Blakiston, of Philadelphia, U.S., has in preparation, and will shortly publish the new edition of 'A Treatise on Aural'Surgery,' by H. MacNaughton Jones. The entirt book is re-arranged and practically re-written. Now chapters have been added, and the wort has been brought up to the present standard of aural therapeutics, the experience on which it is based having been derived from the examination and treatment of upwards of 5,000 aural patients.

Mr. Van Nostrand, New York, has just issued a "New System of Ventilation, by Hent is A. Gouge, which is claimed to have been thoroughly tested and found successful. adapted to parlours, dining and sleeping rooms, kitchens, basements, cellars, vaults, stablew Its efficacy is claimed for restaurants, hospitals, couxt-rooms, and other large places
many people come together. A number of plates show various modifications of the plan.

Mr. Dorman B. Eaton's 'Civil Service in Great Britain,' with an introduction by Mr. George Wm. Curtis, has been added to the Messrs. Harper's Franklin Square Library. To the same series will shortly be added ' The Dickens Reader,' illustrated, the selections having been made by Nathan Sheppard. The same firm have begun the publication of a 'Harper's Young People Series,' consisting of stories and other serials that have already appeared in their juvenile weekly.

In continuance of their new and uniform series of the late Dr. J. G. Holland's works, Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, will issue at once, 'The Jones Family,' 'The Mistress of the Manse,' and 'The Puritan's Guest, and Other Poems.'

Since our last publication the following Publishers have issued books, full titles of which will be found in the New Book List :-
messrs. Blackwood \& sons.-Miss Cumming's At Home in Fiji, new edition.
siessrs. Cbatto \& Windus.-Proctor's Familiar Science Studies.
Messrs. Field \& Tuer.-Bartolozzi and his Works, by Andrew W. Tuer, 2 vols.
Messrs. Eurst \& Blackett.-Lodge's Peerage for 1882.
messrs, Longmans \& Co.-English Poetry and Prose, by, T. Arnold, J. G. Wood's Strange Dwellings, popular edition.
messrs. Bampson Low, Marston, searle, \& Rivington.-Fen Skating, by N. and A. Goodman. Whittier Birthday Book, arranged by Elizabeth Owen. The Year's Art and Epitome for 1881, by Huish.
messrs. Macmillan \& Co.-Westcott's Revelation of the Risen Lord. Physics of the Earth's Crust, by O. Fisher. The Poor Law, by 'I. W. Fowle. Huxley's Science and Culture, \&c. Essays.

Mr. John Mrarray.-Dean Stanley's Epistles to the Corinthians, new edition.

## OBITUARY.

Mr. William Harrison Ainsworth, the well-known English novelist, died at Reigate on the 3rd instant in his seventy-seventh year. He was born at Manchester in 1805, and was educated at the Free Grammar School in that city. In his sixteenth year he was articled to Mr. Kay, an attorney of that city. Losing his father at nineteen, he came to London to finish his term with Mr. Jacob Phillips, of the Inner Temple. His first venture as an author was a volume of verses, published under the nom de plume of 'Cheviot Tichebourne,' and was dedicated to Charles Lamb. Before he was twenty he wrote and published the romance of 'Sir John Chiverton,' which was highly praised by Sir Walter Scott. His marriage in 1826 with a daughter of the late Mr. Ebers, publisher, of Bond Street, led Mr. Ainsworth to abandon the study of the law in order to devote himself to literature, in the joint capacity of auther and publisher. The latter vocation, however, he soon gave up, restricting himself to what he thenceforward regarded as his profession. 'Rookwood,' which appeared in 1834, established his fame as a writer of fiction, and passed through several editions; this was followed by 'Crichton,' which was equally successful. The first number of 'Jack Sheppard' was published in January 1839, in Bentley's Miscellany, of which periodical Mr. Ainsworth because editor on the retirement of Mr. Dickens in March 1840. The story of 'Jack Sheppard' has always been extraordinarily popular with the multitude; and soon after the appearance of Mr. Ainsworth's story in Bentley eight different dramatic versious were produced on the stage. 'Guy Fawkes,' which appeared in Bentley, and the 'Tower of London,' added materially to the writer's reputation. In 1841 he published week by week, in the Smidny Times, 'Old St. Paul's.' Having at the close of 1841 retired from the editorship of
Bratley Bentley, he established the magazine which bore his name, and in which appeared 'The Miser's Daughter,' 'Windsor Castle,' and 'St. James's, or the Court of Queen Anne ;' the latter containing a generous defence of the character of Marlborough. In 1845 Mr . Ainsworth became proprietor and editor of tho New Monthly Magazine. Three years later ho published, in the suucluy T'imes, 'Lancashire Witches,' followed in 1854 by an historical romance, 'The Star Chamber,' \&und a domestic story, illustrative of old Englishl manners, styled 'The Flitch of Bacon ; or, the Custom of Dunnow, - a custom which owes its revival to Mr. Ainsworth's
liberality. In 1855 a collection of liberality. In 1855 a collection of his 'Ballads, Romantic, Fantastical, and Humorous,' appeared, followed in 1856 by another novel, 'The Spendthrift,' originally published in
Bentecy's Miscell Bentley's'Miscellany, which periodical had become Mr. Ainsworth's property two years pre-
 autoliographical tale, the publication of which, in a serial form, had been accidentally interrupted. After another interval, during which he composed a spirited poem on a famous Breton legend entitled 'The Combat of the Thirty,' he produced in 1860 a romance of the times of the Commonwealth, called 'Ovingdean Grange, ${ }_{\text {interworen }}$ into several parts of which are interwoven his own personal experience as a resident in the South Down Country. This was
followed by 'The Constable of the Tower,' commenced in Bentley in 1861, and since repub. lished separately ; 'The Lord Mayor of London ; or, City Life in the Last Century,' in 1862 ' Cardinal Pole ; or, the Days of Philip and Mary,' in 1863 ; and 'John Law, the Projector', in 1864. His more recent works are the 'Spanish Match; or, Charles Stuart in Madrid', ' The Constable de Bourbon ;' 'Old Court ;' 'Myddleton Pomfret ;' and 'Hilary St. Ives;' -the three latter being stories of modern life, and containing descriptions of the scenery of the southern counties- 'Boscobel, or, the Royal Oak; a Tale of the Year 1651,' appeared in 1872; 'The 'Good Old Times; the Story of the Manchester Rebels of '45,' \&c., in 1873; ' Merry England ; or, Nobles and Serfs,' in 1874; 'The Goldsmith's Wife,' in 1875; ' Chetwynd Calverley,' in 1876 ; 'Beatrice Tyldesley,' in 1879 ; and 'Stanley Brereton,' published last year. Mr. Ainsworth's writings are very popular in America. Most of them hare been translated into German and French, and versions of some exist in the Spanish, Dutch, and Russian languages. For many years past the deceased had led a life of comparative seclusion, but a few months ago was prevailed upon to attend a public banquet given in his honour in the Manchester Town Hall, the centre of the city of his birth and early life.

The Rev. Leonard Bacon, D.D., LL.D., the most widely known of the Professors of Yale College, died suddenly of heart disease at his home, in New Haven, Conn., U.S.A., on the 24th ult., in the eightieth year of his age. Although an ardent and faithful worker in his pastoral duties, Dr. Bacon still found time to do a great deal of literary labour. . In 1830 he published ' A Life of Richard Baxter ;' in 1833, 'A Manual for Young Church Members;' in 1846, 'Essays on Slavery;' and in 1863, 'Christian Self-Culture.' All these works were thoroughly imbued with the devotional spirit of the preacher, and were, in faot, a series of longer sermons addressed to the world at large. In addition to the publication of these books, he devoted a very considerable portion of his time to journalistic labours. From 1826 to 1838 he was one of the editors of the Christian Spectator, a religious magazine published in Ner Haven, Conn., U.S. In 1843 he aided in establishing the New Englaider, a bi-monthly periodical, and he maintained his connection with this until the day of his death. With Drs. Storrs and Thompson he founded the Independent, partly in the interest of anti-slavery ideas; which were generally excluded from the orthodox press. He retained his editorial connection with this journal 16 years, retiring from the active management in 1863, but he was one of its most constant and valuable contributors throughout his life. Dr. Bacon was an antiquarian by nature, and he devoted a great deal of time and labour to the study of the history of his Church, which covered a period of 200 years. Early in his pastorate he delivered a series of lectures on this subject, which were afterwards published in book form, under the title of ' Genesis of the New England Churches.'

Dr. John W. Draper, the eminent American scientist and author, whose death occurred on the 4 th inst., was a native of this country, having been born at St . Helen's, near Liverpool, on May 5, 1811. He had thus nearly completed his seventy-first year. After studying under private teachers, and then at the University of London, he went in 1833 to America, and graduated at the University of Pennsylvania in 1836. He was soon after appointed Professor of Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, and Physiology in Hampden-Sidney College, in Virginis, and in 1839 was appointed Professor of Chemistry and Natural History in the University of New York. He afterwards became President of the Scientific and Medical Departments of the University. Dr. Draper contributed largely to European and American scientific journals, and published several works, some purely scientific, others of a philosophical and historical character. Among the latter may be cited his 'Human Physiology,' History of the Intellectual Development of Europe,' 'The History of the American Civil War,' and 'The History of the Conflict between Religion and Science,' published in 1874.

Mr. Richard Henry Dana, author of the popular book, 'Two Years before the Mast,' diedin Rome on the 6th inst., after a few days' illness. Mr. Dana, who was in his sixty-seventh yar, was the son of Mr. R. H. Uana, the illustrious American essayist and poet. Besides the work we have referred to, Mr. Dana was the author of another volume of travel, entitled, 'To Cuba and Back,' as well as of some contributions to the North American Reciev, and other literary journals. He also won distinction as an authority in the United States on maritime law ; and he edited, with copious annotations, Henry Wheaton's 'Elements of International Law.'

## TRADE CHANGES.

Messrs. W. Maxwell \& Son, have removed from 29 Fleet Street, to 8 Bell Yard, Temple Bar, where their business as Law Publishers and Booksellers will be carried on as usual.

Mr. Robert Watson, Advertising Contractor, has, in consequence of the great increase of business, found it necessary to remove from his old-established offices, at 74 Fleet Street, to more commodious and convenient premises situated at 150 Fleet Street.

Messrs. Passmore \& Alabaster, of Paternoster Square, have recently become the propie tors of Golden Hours. The Rev. J. Jackson Wray is the present editor.

Mr. W. F. Clay, for some years with Mr. James Thin of Edinburgh, and recently mith Messrs. Wm. Reid \& Co., has commenced business on his own account at 2 Teviot Place, \&s general bookseller.

Mr. John Whitehead, who, for the past thirty years, has carried on business as a printer, bookseller, stationer, \&c., at Appleby, Westmoreland, has admitted into partnership his son, Alexander Charles. The business will in future be carried on under the style of Messrs. J. Whitehead \& Son.

The business of the late Mr. Herman Rothe, fine art publisher, King Street, Covent Garden, has been purchased by Mr. J. F. Schipper, who has for many vears been connected with the firm. Commencing with the new year, the style and title will be Messrs. J. F. Schipper \& Co.

Mr. J. N. Dunn, bookseller, stationer, \&c., of Nottingham, has retired from the business with which he has been so long connected in favour of Mr. Robert Elliott Lamb.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

[We print the following letter, in the hope that it may be of use to some of our friends, and prevent their buying books which may be unexpectedly left on their hands.-ED. P. C.]

> To the Editor of 'The Publishers' Circular.'

Sir,- On the 30th of December we received a card, as written from the Charing Crcss Hotel on that date, but posted in the Northern district, as follows :-

- Mrs. Bagshaw will thank Messrs. - to procure for her by $10 \mathrm{~A} . \mathrm{m}$. Monday morning the following booka, for which she will call on her way to Waterloo Station. "Stories on the Catechism," 2 sets of 4 rolumes, by the Rev. Knox Little (Palmer); "Count up the Sunny Days," 6 copies (Wells Gardner); 3 "Mack, Bishop of Our Days" (Wells Gardner) ; 2 "Herr Baby" (Macmillan). Charing Cross Hotel : Dec. 30th.'

Some twelre months ago we were made rictims by a similar card for copies of ' Knox Liftle's Stories, which we had to buy in specially (not having them in stock). and we have been sad lled with them ever since ; so we thought it worth while to send to the Charing Cross Hotel and make inquiries after this Mrs. Bagshaw, and were informed that no one of that name was on their list; consequently we took no further notice of the card than to wait and see whether this lady would call at the appointed time, whom, it is needless to say, never appeared.

We think that such an attempt to rictimise should be expesed. Has the Trade anywhere else been faroured with similar Christmes cards? Perhaps the insertion of this in the Publishers' Circular may bring it out.

Yours truly,

## Boons Received :

From Messrs. A. \&. Barnes \& Co. (New York and Chicago). 'Cours de Français d'après la Methode Naturelle.' A volume of 'Woman's Series for the Modern Languages,' which may certainly claim to be compiled on an attractive principlo, for it bases its instruction 'upon a direct appeal to a pictorial illustration of the object mentioned.' The woodcuts are far above the aserage of school-books, both in style and execution, and the little book will be found to go a long way towards providing a royal road to eiementary education in the tongue of our versatile neighbours.

From Messrs. Browne \& Nolan (Dublin).-' The Troarles of Euripides, with Revision of Text and Notes, chiefly intended for Schools,' by Robert Yelverton Tyrrell. Professor Tyrrell, who fills the Groek chair in Trinity College, Dublin, has odited this edition of the 'Trojan Dames,' because he belieres it to be more suitable for school purposes than the plays edited by Porson, which are commonly taken as the best representation of the works of the great nuthor. In the 'Troades' Professor Tyrrell maintains that Euripides has nttained a higher perfection of literary oxecution than in his other works, while as to its contents generally he says that he has found much to admire and nothing to apologise for. The plan of the book is to gire the text first and the notes afterwards, and in the introduction the editor gires a summary of the special readings he has adopted whererer any explanation is needed on
thin head.

From the same.-'Select Satires of Horace,' edited, with introduction, notes, and appendices, by John I. Beare, B.A. The chief value of this work lies in the notes, which are unusually full and complete. The author expresses a fear lest in this respect he may be charged with diffuseness, but he appears to us, on the contrary, only to have given the student all the aids to a correct understanding of the text which it wuld be possible to supply. The fatires chosen are-I., VI., and IX., from the first book; and I., II., IV., VI., VIII., from the second book.

From Messrs. Burns \& Oates.- The Twi penny Mass Book.' A Church which appeals largely to the emotional side of the human character, and which uses art in its pictorial developments as a means of reaching the feelings, naturally incorporates illustration in its service books for popular use, and the 'Twopenny Mass Book' is a case in point. Its devotions intended for use ly worshippers during Mass are all illustrated, and their effect will vaturally be intensiffed by the engravinge with which the book abounds, and to the general expcution of which we can give unqualified praiso.

From Messrs. Cassell, Petter, \& Galpin. - 'The Shakspere Reading Book:' being serentoen of Shakspere's Plays, abridged for the use of schools and public readings. By H. Courthope Bowen, M.A. The bard of Stratford has submitted to many 'cuts' from seto:s and editors, but probably in no case have his works been so abridged in a more defensive fashion, or with a worthier objoct than to bring them within the compass of school-
room or public reading. Although in schools where English literature is adequately represented in the syllabus-and it ought never to be absent from the scheme of any institution which pretends to educate Englishmen-Shakspere may be known by the reading, and even by the careful study of one or two of his plays, it is not often that we meet with an attempt to give a general idea of the whole of his dramatic works, the reason commonly assigned for their neglect being that their length puts them outside the range of an ordinary course of lessons. To meet this difficulty, Mr. Bowen here gives us an abridgment of seventeen of the plays which are most likely to interest young readers, and a glance through the volume has satisfied us that he has done his work carefully and conscientiously. Apart from the desirability of giving students specimens of pure English as reading lessons, it can scarcely be doubted, but that the use of such a volume must tend to increase the public knowledge of and love for the master's works.

From Messrs. W. Collins, Son, \& Co.-_Laing's History of English Literatures for Junior Classes.' A nice little compendium, with illustrative extracts which any grown man may be glad to read, and an index of some 400 illustrious names. The very first place at which we open the book offers an account of 'bottled light,' from Smiles' Life of Stephenson, and the 'last moments of Goethe, from the celebrated Life by George Henry Lewes. At the same opening of the leaves there are some biographical particulars which are sure to interest many of our readers, and which we do not remember to have met with before:-

Samoki Smiles, born at Haddington in 1816, was educated for the medical profession, and for some time practised as a surgeon at Leeds. In 1845 he abandoned medicine, and became secretary of the Leeds and Thirsk Railray, and latterly of the South. Eastern Railway. He retired in 1866.
Only the biographies are named in the Handbook of English literature under the name of 'Smiles.' American authors are not forgotten in Mr. Laing's roll of names.

From Messrs. Griffth \& Farran.-'Poetry for the Young.' This is a famous collection. There are about four hundred of the choicest poems in the English language, arranged in four divisions, which are graduated for different ages. Part $I_{0}$ is intended for infants, and for Standards I.-IV.; Part II. for Standards III.-VI.; Part III. for Standards V. and VI. and for pupil teachers; and Part IV. is for pupil teachers and for training colleges. Some fifty pages towards the end of the volume are occupied with explanatary notes. Then there are short biographical notices of the writers of the poems, and an index of first lines comes after that. Apart from its use in schools, we are sure that in many a home 'Pootry for the Young' will be found an accoptable book.

From "Home Words" Publishing Offlce. 'Scripture Echoes in our Church's Collects for Sundays and the days connected with our Lord's history. With Hymns origiual and selected.' By the Rev. John P. Hobson, M.A. This volume furnishes a fresh illustration of what has been termed the Scriptural origin of the Book of Common Prayer, for it takes each collect in succeasion and shows how its potitions and allusions are, for the most part, exclusively scriptural.

Appended to this illustration of the collects from the pages of the Bible a hymn is given, which forms, in effect, an amplification of the prager, It is a volume which will be suggestive to preachers and full of helpful matter for all teachers in Sunday-schools where the Prayer Book is used.

From Mr. J. H. Houghton, Iouth.-'How to Write English,' by A. A. Reade. As a rule, one would hardly look for amusement in a book whose object is to teach English composition. In this little work, the extracts which illustrate the rule are so chosen from rarious writers that the casual reader is almost sure to find some. thing to his taste. Thus, one page alone offers examples of style from Macaulay, Shakspeare, Sir Walter Raleigh, Carlyle, and from a sermon On another page are the names of Gibbon, Macaulay, Lord Melbourne, Motley, and Oliret Wendell Holmes, in connection with methods of writing; another page gives us the pros and cons of alcohol. Précis writing, controversy, and essays each have their share of attention.

From Mr. John Heywood.-' Nooks and Cornen of Lancashire and Cheshire: a Wayfarer's Notes in the Palatine Cointies, Historical, Legendary, Genealogical, and Rescriptive.' By James Croston, F.S.A. Manchester often vies with the souther metropolis in its contributions to antiquarian lore, and in the energy with which its local antiquaries make their researches; but in the volume before us (published by subscription) we have not only a record of deep interest to those for whom the past has attractions, but an illustrated history of all that is worth noting in the district traversed by the author, so beautifully printed as to claim a place on the table as well as upon the library shelf. Mr. Croston has literally left no stone unturned in order to verify his facts and to make certain of his discoveries, and the result is a worthy monument of his learning and his industry.

From Messrs. Macmillan \& Co.-' The Electorats and the Legislature.' By Spencer Walpole. At a moment when an important modification of Parliamentary procedure, affecting at least one of the two chambers of the Legislature, is being actirely discussed by the responsible Government of the country, a work like this cannot fail to attrat notice, and it ought to be read by all who desire to qualify themselves to judge of the matters as issue. The history which Mr. Walpole gires of the English Parliament, and of its powers and privileges, has been compiled with erident car from the works of the greatest authorities on the subject, and his own contribution to the recors of its more recent proceedings is equally trasworthy. Of the various schemos suggested for putting an end to the unlimited 'talk' which bed been the bano of nearly every session for sereed years past Mr. Walpole gives some account, ad as to the obstruction itself he holds that it ${ }^{\prime}$ only a symptom of the increasing importanced the House of Commons.' Opinions will pertap differ on this point, but as to the necossity for taking steps to prevent the gross waste of lim which at present paralyses the action of odd legislators there can be no question, and the moin will be far better done if those who take hand are acquainted with the history of assembly with which they hare to deal. present volume is, it is announced, one of a sen
entitled 'The English Citizen : his Rights and Responsibilities,' the aim of which is to deal with the details of the machinery whereby our Constitution works and the broad lines upon which it has been constructed. The volumes in it will treat of the course of legislation; of the agencies by which civil and criminal justice are administered, whetirer imperial or local ; of the relations between the greater system of the imperial Government and the subdivisions by which local self-government is preserved alongside of it; of the electoral body, and its functions and constitution and development; of the great scheme of national income and its disbursement; of State interference with the citizen in his training, in his labour, in his trafficking, and in his home; and of the dealings of the State with that part of property which is, perforce, political--the land; of the relation between State and Church which bulks so largely in our history, and is entwined so closely with our organisation; and lastly, of those relations of the State that are other than domestic.

From the same.-‘The Poor Law.' By T. W. Fowle, M.A., Rector of Islip. The ruthor of this volume, as a clergyman in London and the country, has had considerable practical experience of the working of the English Poor Law, and he here gives us an account of what he terms ' Poor Law Principles,' and then proceeds to discuss Poor Law history, Poor Law reform, Poor Law administration, and Poor Law statistics. He treats the whole subject fairly and fully, his facts and figures are supported by references which will enable any reader to test their accuracy, and his suggestions and remarks are always charactorised by common sense and by an evident desire to look at the matter in hand from all points of view.

From the same.- 'Thirty Years: being Pooms New and Old.' By the author of 'John Halifax, Gentleman.' Few authoresses hare appealed to higher principles or have writton with a more steady aim and resolve to make people better than the writer of this very acceptable volume, in which she gathers together the verses of more than a quarter of a contury's growth, and dedicates them to her husband. The verses are in nearly every case brief and homely, and touch upon a wide range of subjects, although nearly all are drawn from domestic life and from the beauties of nature. Here and there we find a hymn or a poem on a sacred theme, but in the majority of instances the inspiration is social rather than sacred, if indeed it is fair to draw such a distinction. There are a few translations here and there, and a few sets of words written for music, but as a whole the volume is filled with gentle songs of home life, breathing a pure and ele vated of efiri, and telling of intensely human experiances of life, its joys and its sorrows.

[^0]Medici. There is a list of English editions of the Religio Medici, of the French, German, and Dutch translation, with bibliographical remarks. Foreign editions of the original are also noted, and the libraries where the rarer copies are to be found. The various English editions of the Letter to a Friend are also enumerated, and this new edition gives collations of some of the older editions. At the end of the book, some 150 pages are occupied with critical and explanatory notes, and an index.

From The National Temperance League.'The Voice of the Pulpit on Temperance.' By various authors. A series of sermons by preachers of various religious bodies upon the evils of drunkenness and the virtues of temperance and total abstinence. When we say that five of the discourses are by Canon Furrar, ono by Canon Basil Wilberforce, one by Dr. Maguire, one by Dr. Paterson, and that the other authors are well-known authorities on the subject, we shall have given our readers a fair idea of the ability and eloqueace with wh:ch the case is put.

From the same.- The National Tempernnce League's Annual for 1882.' Elited by Robert Rae, Secretary of the League. This valume is a year-book of temperance work, and something more, for it contains a series of papers by wellknown authorities on various points of interest connected with the origin and progress of the temperance movement-a reprint of some of the principal articles on the subject which hare appeared during the past year, and many interesting facts and statistics bearing upon temperance and the vice to which it is the popular antidote. A portrait of Mr. E. Baines forms a frontispieco to the volume.

From Mr. F. Pitman.-'Birds and Flowers for Little Folks.' The words by the Editor of 'Birds and Flowers.' Set to music by Albert Herschfield. A pretty volume of children's songs, with the music on one page, and facing it the words of the rong, with a picture border, in which the birds and flowers, drawn by the inimitable pencil of Giacomelli, are introduced. It is a rolume which, if Christmas had not well-nigh left us, would be entitled to rank as 'A Christmas Book.'

From Messrs. Smith, Flder, \& Co.-'Journals of Caroline Fox.' This is a super-royal octaro volume of between 300 and 400 pages, handsomely printed in the old style, and bound in simple boards, with a vellum back and untrimmed edges. Miss Fox, was a momber of the Society of Friends, whose reminiscences include interesting notes abnut a surprising number of eminent men and women. Besides the immediate recollections, there are accounts of notabilities which Miss Fox has taken down from the narration of others-e.g., Dr. Wolff's account of the Lady Hester Stanhope, and the lady's remarks cn books which she bas read are not the least, interesting part of the book. Thus, we have Miss Fox's impressions of Eothen, Wilhelm Meister, \&c. There are even anecdotes of parliamontary encounters which have been witnessed by the author. We must content oureolves with two short extracts.

Met Henry Hallam, his son Henry, and daughter. The historifan is a fino looking white-laired man of between sixty and eaventy. Bomething in the lino of features reminds me of Cuvier and Goothe, all is so clear
and definite.
 criminate imitation of and sh wing it hy lieir inder them. Bumsen does not play the Niebubr with Egypit, tut answers e'a!oorately from the inscriptions in faviour of the formery ieceived early history of that country. ... Guizot is gong in hap pily a a quietiy in N rmandy, waiting till his country unats him, and meanwhile continuing his English History fiom Crumwesl-a u ork likely to be extremely va uable.

Dr. Lowring is a vecy interesing losking personaze, with a most petical ardent, inaginative forehead and a temperamont in kseping. . . Dr. Bunring knows Dickens and Cruickshank (sici well; the former a brillinne creature with a pi rcine eye, t e other a very guod fcilow with excessive keentess of perception.
We may add that notices of John Sruar: Mill and of Carlyle abrand in the diary of Miss Fox.

From Mr. Elliut Stock.-' Booklin Jing consilered as a Fine Art: Mechanic.l Art anl Manufacture. By Henry B. Wheatley, F.s.1. This may be said to be an 'édition de luxe' of the intresting paper on the llistory of Bookhinding real befure the So iety of Arts in April lass, together with a reprint of the sulsequent dis.ussinn, in which many experts took part. There aru many choice illustrations, and while all who do not possess Mr. Cundall's larger work will find here much to interest them, eren those who rejoice in the acquisition of the more exhaustive treatise will be glad to add this daint $\begin{gathered}\text { volume to their shelses. }\end{gathered}$ The production of the illustrations, and the general appearance of the look, reflect much credit upon the publisher.

Magazines.-Lrisure Hour, illustrated (Office), new part.- The Girls' Own Paper ('Leisure Hour' Office), new part.-Sunday at Homs, illustrated (Rel. Tract Soc.), new part.-Boys' Own Paper ('Leisure Hour' Office), with coloured plate, Christmas cards. naval tales, Arctic sketches, \&c. illustrated.-7ho Welcome, illustrited (S. W. Partridge \& Co.), new part.-The Bibliographer, a journal of book lora (Stock), No. 2.-The C'hurchmun's Shil ing Magazine (Houlston) opens with a seasonable paper on Christmas and New Year's Day; gives us an intererting sketch of - Travels in Mulland,' by Mrs. Faber, 'L-iden being the subject of the present article; supports the Bishop of Manchester's recent action in the matter of the Ritarlists; and has in addition a paper ly Mr. Challerton Dixon, 'The Psalmos of the Gospel'; an essay on 'Trarelling' in the series on 'Art in Ererything': several chapters of Miss Wightwick's clever tale, 'In Lands of Palm; and some prety poems. - The liritish Trade Journal (Office, 42 Cannon Street) opens with some trade reviews of the past year; discusses the probable commercial importance of the Panama Canal; has an article on Messrs. Holmess carriage manuractory at Derby, in its series un 'l British Industries'; and gives an exhaus'ive account cf some of the chief exhibits at the Smithfeld Show.-Science Gossip (Bogue) gives the place of honour to an interesting piper on 'Drawings and Paintings from the Micro beope'; an exhaustive article hy Dr. Greene on - 'The Kangaroo'; and a most useful programme
of a Geological Excursion to Switzerland. It illustrations are up to the usual high standand of merit. - Aunt Judy's May azine begios the seas well, although its volume had arready commened with the November number, and Lally Lioday of Bilcarres, Laty Dunboyne, and Mr. Scon Gatty, are among its contibuitors.

We have also receirtd - The Cuttager and Artison, Friendly Greetings, and the Childs Compamion (Rel. Tract Soc.) - 7he Clerical IV.rld (Hodde \& Stoughton), which seems to ke winuing permanent place among religious rerials. $-1 / 2$ Ladi, s Gazette of Fashion (4 Ave Maria lare).The Dictionary of Needlew, rle ( Laz war' Offies). The Art Journal (Virtur \& C.). which crem with a capital papor by Prof. S.dney Co'rio ue 'The Veiled Lady of Raphiel' (illustrated); sketches from Tenuicl in the series of 'Our C.ricaturists; has an otching fom Mis. Alling hatu's charming full fisure sketch of (arlgio is his garden at Chelsea (with his cat ly his chair); a beautiful engraving of Crotts' painting, 'Crom wull at Marston Moor,' and many other chuie pictures and articles.

## Books receired for Notice -

The Troades of Euripides. Splect Satires a Horace. Homer's Odyssey, Book IX. From Brown and Noland, Dublin.
Twopenny Mass Book, Burns \& Oates.
Scripture Echoes, 'Home Words.'
Stephen Mainwaring's Wooing, ditto.
Religio Medıci, Macmillan.
National Temperance League Annual, 1882.
First French Buok, Barnes. New Yurk
Keeping the Vow, Walter Smith.
Thirty Years' Poems, old ar d new, Maemi han. The Poor Law, ditto.
The Electorate and the Lagislature, ditto.
The Opium Habit. Barnes, New Yurk.
Caleb Booth's Clerk, Abel It'ywoud.
Solections from the Essay ys of Elia, Browne, Dublin Jarrold's Norwich Almante.
Poetry for the Young. Griffith \& Faran.
Married and Single, Walter Smith,
Indo-Aryans, 2 vole, Stanfurd.
Bookbinding, Ellot Stock.
Bird and Flowers, Pitman.
Nooks and Corners of Lanc.sshire nal ("hes!ira J. Heywood, Manchestor.

Young Men's Calendar, 1882.
Ilist ry of Musie, part 1. , Cas , 11 .
Hallam's 'Literature of Europe,' 1.t. 3, Ward, Lock, $\&$ Co.
Concise Exposition of the New Conveyance Act, Richard Amer.
Amateur Work, pt. 2, Ward, Lnck, \& Co
The Bibliographer, pt. 2, E. Suck.
Art Journal, January.
Eingland under Freo Trade, Cassell.
The Sixpenny Pupular Edition of the lier. J. G. Wood's ' Strange Dwellingr.' Longmans.

The Dran's Wife, F. V. White $\mathbb{E}$ Co.
Cassoll's Shaknpere Reading Book.

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Eneid, Virgil. Book 5, with Notes, Wheeler (G. B.) 13.
Eop and Bret Hartr Fables, 19.
Agathos, \&c. Talea, Wilberforce (Bp.) new edit. 2s. 6d.
Aikenhead (Mary) Life \&c. 2nd edit. 7s.6d.
Albert, Prince, Life, by Martin, People's edit. part 3, 61.
Algebra, Wallace, new edit. 1s.
Almanac, Oitmer and Boyd's, 1882. 6s. Gid.
Almanack, Brifish Journal Photographic, 1s.
Amelia, ('hester (G. J.) 10s. 6d.
Anabzsis, Ten"phon. Book 4, Pretor (A.) 23.
Architecture, Gothic, A B C, Purker (J. H.) 2nd edit 3…
Arithmetic, Wallace, new edit. 1s.
Arithmetic, Young (J. R.) Key to, Wallingame, new e.t. 3s.
Army. Queen's Hegulations, July 1831, 1s. 61.
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Art, Works of, S $\mathrm{H}^{\prime \prime}$ h Kensington Maseum, Vul. 2, 21s.
Ashe Pgee, Laurie (W. F. B.) 5s.
Baenn. Fszaya. Byrne, 1s.
Bartol zzi aml his Works, Tuer (A. W.) 4?s.
Darard. The Story, $/$ 'Anbigné, literally trans. 1s. 6.1.
Dramn Fire, The, Sory, 1s. 6d.
Bnaiort. May, 2s. and 1s. 6d.
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Birthlay book, The, Whittier, 3s. 6rl.
Blinkbonny, Bits from, s/rathesk (J.) 3 ;
Brmen, Briti,h North, II, itton (J.) New Ceylon, 5s.
Prakers Ahearl, Sarby (Mrs.) 1s. gu.
Calm, Borth's ('lerk, Banks (Mrs.) new edit. 2s. Cil.
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SPECTATOR, NOV. 26, 1881.

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Their mutinations, and everything, else about them, are all set forth with great care, boih by pen and pencil. The expedition had to make or way on foot through trackless forests fording the streams, fercresing by fallen logs; the leader himself footsore and to tomincken; While the neighbouring Dyaks endeavoured to tam un honest head cheaply by selling them poisoned ruati...... We have left ourselves no ppace for Mr. Book's erperther researclies among the hillmen of Mindal or for bis experiences of natural history in Bumatra. 8till, we have ald enough to show how full of interest is his admirable rolnme. The present season promises to be nnusually rich atractilers tales, but the forthcoming works must be very a I valuable narrative they are to surpass Mr. Book's amusing a valuable narrative.'

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## DAILY NEWS, Dec. 27, 1881.

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## Alpred R. Watilace in INATURF, Nov. 3, 1881.

- The author is a clever artist, and all the handsome coloured plates which form the main feature of the book are evidently carerul drawings made on the spot, not imaginary designs concocted from more or less imperfect descriptions. The housea, villages, and forest scenes, are all true to nature and the same may be sald of the numerous portraits of the Dyaks and illustrations of their domestic life and customs The figures are indeed wonderfully life-lite and the drawing accurate........ In "Hetdung, my favourite Dyak boy" (Plute 28), he gives us a portrait as perfect and as charac teristic as a good photograph........ This journey was partly over ground new to European travellers ; firat to the country of the Poonan Dyaky, and then op a western tribu tary of the Mahakkam or Koti river, and overland for a shor distance to the head waters of the Teweh, a branch of the Barito or Bandjermasin fiver. This waterahed is marked by a curious geological phenomenon very rarely met with in the tropics, a large area covered with huge angular rocki of every shape and size tossed about in the greatest confusion. It is called by the natives Jalan batu, or the Stony Way, and our Author's description of it will bear quotstion......Besides the portralts of natives already rererred to. attention may be called to the plate, "Crombing the River Benangan," which gives the very best and most accurate idea of an equatorlal forest that the prosent writer hns ever met with.


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OPINIONS OF THE PRESS--continued.

## THE FIELD, NOV. 19, 1881.

- The author of this handsome volume originally journeyed to Sumatra on a natural history expedition...... Whilst in that countiy he was entrusted with an exploring mission to South-east Borneo. . . . . . The itinerary of this journey... forms the first and principal portion of the book, the remainder being devoted to Sumatran adventures and reminiscences...... Mr. Bock industrionsly used his pencil and brush during the journey, and by the aid of chromo-lithography the volume is enriched with a number of coloured plates, those portraying villages and jungle scenes being particularly interesting and Talnable...... One of the most interesting facts recorded is a description of the "Jallan Batoe," the "Field of Stones." As the author well remarks, "covering an area of several square miles, and cropping up, as it were, in the centre of a vast forest, this field of stones is well calculated to arouse the superstitious dread of a eavage people." ${ }^{\text {is }}$


## NEW YORK TIMES, NOV. 20, 1881

- In certain inland and remote parts of Borneo, the famous island of the Indian Archicelago, there are tribes of natives who take heads just as the North American Indians take scalps...... Since the Dutch and the English obtained influence and authority in portions of Borneo, head-hunting is not so common an amusement as it was. It supplies, nevertheless, Mr. Bock with a telling sensational title, ior a new book of travel, the "Head-Hunters of Borneo." Mr. Bock is the first white man who has penctrated the heart of of tiat portion of Borneo over which the Dutch claim of tiat portion of Borneo over which the Dutch clalion
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## SCOTSMAN, NOV. 11, 1881.

- Mr. Carl Bock's researches in the Malay Archipelago were due originally to the ardent love of science of the late Marquis of Tweeddale, whosent out the Scandinavian naturalist to Sumatra to collect specimens of the fauna of the island. ........ Some of the scientific results secured, together with notes of the naturalist's hunting and other adventures are embodied in the "Journeyings in Sumatra." which forms a supplement to the still more novel and interesting matter contained in his "Head-Hunters of Dorneo." While in Sumatra the author was charged with a milssion by the Netherlands India Government to visit the interior of Koctei....... The magnificently illustrated book which be now presents to the public is a proof that the work of ncientific pioneering. in this unexplored field, could not have ecientific pioneering. in this unexplored field, could not have
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