

Editor's Table.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

BRITISH.—Recent Publications.—The British are fond of monograms. The latest is "Herne's Oak: a descriptive history of this celebrated tree, mentioned by Shakespeare in the Merry Wives of Windsor, and lately fallen in Windsor Park. Profusely illustrated by W. Perry, Wood Carver to Her Majesty. 1 vol. imp. 16mo. handsomely bound, price 7s. 6d." The tree was famous, not alone because it figures in the Merry Wives of Windsor, but because Henry VIII. is believed to have stood under it, an expectant listener for the boom of the cannon which announced that Anne Boleyn was executed.—Theodore Martin has completed a memoir of the late William Edmondstone Aytoun, of the University of Edinburgh, and Professor Wilson's son-in-law. After the death of "Christopher North," Mr. Aytoun, who had been on the staff of "Blackwood's Magazine" for some time, contributed very extensively to it, though one of the Blackwood family has always acted as editor.—Mr. Speat, of Cambridge, has reprinted from the Vernon MSS. the oldest version of the great mediæval dramatic poem, "Piers Plowman," by Langland. There are three versions of the poem, but the oldest has never before been printed. The poem, written about the year 1363, was first printed in 1550, at London, by Robert Crowley. It is divided into twenty sections or Passus, and consists of 14,696 verses, and is much in the allegorical manner of "Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress," but is mainly satirical. It is verse without rhyme, but full of alliteration. More than any other contemporary production, it describes the life and struggles of the homely poor of England in the 14th century.—Mr. Edmund Yates, who has ceased to conduct "Tinsley's Magazine," an illustrated monthly, of which the first number has just appeared in London. There will appear in it a story of his own called "The Rock Ahead," and a novel by Dr. W. H. Russell of "The Times," to be entitled "The Adventures of Dr. Brady."—Batemans' "Church of England in Harmony with the Scriptures."—Chronicles of Great-Britain, Vol. 3. De Caparin's By the Sea Shore, Reveries.—Elliot's History of India.—The Handspike, an Occasional Magazine.—Hoare's Scriptural Grounds of Justification.—Horsfall's Evangelical Sermons on the Doctrines of Religion.—Horton's Physical and Medical Climate of West Africa.—Krumpholtz's David King of Israel.—Lorraine's The Voice of the Prayer Book.—McCann's Anti-Secularist Lectures.

Announcements.—In an early number of Cassell's Magazine, Mr. James Hannay will publish "Personal Reminiscences of the late A. Smith, the Poet, and Secretary of the Literary Society in Edinburgh."—The new literary publication society, bearing the honored name of "Spenser," already has in press "John Heywood's Works" and "all the Works of John Taylor, the Water Poet." The first of these, a dramatist, is believed to have died about the year 1565; the latter was contemporary with Shakespeare and Ben Jonson, and died in the time of the Commonwealth.—George Cruikshank, the veteran artist, who sometimes uses the pen as well as the pencil, is now publishing his "Worship of Bacchus," engraved on steel, 49 by 30 inches. It contains over 1000 figures, each figure portraying a character or a passion; the whole presenting a history of the customs and manners of the present century. It was exhibited, with great success, in London and other large British cities.—"The Black Country and its Green Border-land" is the title of Elihu Burritt, the learned blacksmith's forthcoming work. The Black Country is that part of mid-England, in the vicinity of Wolverhampton and Birmingham (Mr. Burritt lives in the latter place) famous for its production and use of coal and iron.

Mr. W. R. Maurice Wynne, M. P., for the Welsh county of Merioneth, who possesses a manuscript of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales," hitherto unpublished, has placed at the disposal of the Camden Society, for publication, Sir Kenelm Digby's autograph journal, written when he was admiral of the Narrow Seas. Mr. Wynne's unique fifteenth-century manuscript of the Welsh "Grael" is now being edited by the Rev. Robert Williams. It is a translation of "La Queste del Saint Graal" which is said to have been written in French by the English Walter Map, or Mapes, and of which there are black letter French editions and a modern English one, that edited for the Roxburghe Club, by Mr. Furnivall.

ble); L. J. Bresnier's "Elementary Principles of the Arabian Language;" De Buschen's "Aperçu Statistique of the Productive Forces of Russia;" R. P. M. Chery's "Notre Dame des Eaux," a Romish manual of piety for visitors to medicinal springs, etc.; Thomas Couture's "Méthode et Entretiens d'Atelier" (a work on art by the celebrated painter); André Leo's "L'Idéal au Village;" C. E. Lullier's "Essay on the History of Naval Tactics and Sea Evolutions;" Abbé Michaud's "Guillaume de Champeaux, and the Schools of Paris in the 12th Century;" Emile Olivier's "Démocratie et Liberté;" Duke de Roussillon's "Origines Migrations Philologique et Monuments Antiques;" A. de Macedo's "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land;" J. Loiseleur's "Problèmes Historiques" (Did Mazarin marry Anne of Austria? Did Gabrielle d'Estrees die poisoned?); H. Taine's "Ideal of Art;" Rev. Athénase Coquerel, (Protestant Rationalist) J. r.'s, "Conscience and Faith;" V. Barr's "Métallothérapie, or Copper in Cholera; Facts and Observations since the Epidemic of 1849; Inquiries and Experiments in the Hospitals;" Abbé Chazotte's "Méthode de Toulouse pour l'Instruction des Sourds-Muets;" Count Jules "Delaborde's Madame l'Admirale de Coligny, after St. Bartholomew's Massacre;" (36 pp.)

Items.—In 1854 there were 416 journals published in Paris; there 862 now.—The London Publisher's Circular says: "M. Louis Blanc is said to be preparing a collection of the private papers of the Emperor Maximilian for publication." Considering that Maximilian was nephew-in-law, by his marriage with the Princess Charlotte of Belgium, of all Louis Philippe's children, two of whom (the Prince de Joinville and the Duc d'Aumale) are honorably known as man of letters, it is not likely that they would trust his private papers out of their own hands, and especially improbable that Louis Blanc, one of the famous provisional republican French government 1848, and an especial opponent of the Mexican expedition, would be employed to edit or prepare them for publication.

GERMAN.—There has just been published, at Stuttgart, (a great paper-selling and book-making city, what purports to be an accurate account of the periodical literature of Germany. It may be thus summed up: Periodical publications published in—Anhalt, 12; Baden, 85; Bavaria, 348; Brunswick, 15; Bremen, 21; Hamburg, 50; Hesse (Darmstadt), 87; Liechtenstein, 3; Lippe-Detmold, 3; Lübeck, 7; Lützenburg, 5; Mecklenburg-Schwerin, 48; Mecklenburg-Strelitz, 6; Oldenburg, 27; Austria (Oesterreich), 351; Prussia, 1471; divided as follows: Old Provinces, 1033; Frankfurt-on-the-Maine, 92; Hanover, 117; Electoral Hesse, 32; Hesse-Homburg, 7; Hohenzollern, 4; Schleswig-Holstein, 48; Lauenburg, 2; Nassau, 46; Reuss-Greiz, 3; Reuss-Schleiz, 11; Kingdom of Saxony, 266; Saxe-Altenburg, 8; Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, 17; Saxe-Meiningen, 16; Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, 25; Schaumburg-Lippe, 1; Schwarzburg, 8; Waldeck, 6; Wartemburg, 189; the German Cantons of Switzerland, 236; Estonia, Livonia, and Courland (belonging to Russia) together, 16; altogether, 3241 periodical publications, 747 of which are political, 2210 non-political, and the remainder of a mixed or general character. Besides, there are a good many periodicals published in the German language beyond the limits of Germany.

INDIAN.—A translation of Shakespeare into Hindostanee has been published in Bombay.—Mr. Aufferd, one of the best Oriental scholars in England, has been appointed Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology in Cambridge, England.—Ever since Hindostan came part of the British Empire by transfer from the East India Company, the demand for works relating to its history and productions has greatly increased. Trübner & Co., London, announce for immediate publication the first volume of "The History of India, as told by its own Historians; comprising the Muhammadan Period." By the late Sir H. M. Elliot, K. C. B., of the East India Company's Bengal Civil Service. Edited from his posthumous papers by Professor John Dowson, of the Staff College, Sandhurst. The first series is to be completed in three volumes, and opens with comprehensive extracts relating to India, from the writings of the early Arab Geographers, viz: the Merchant Sulaiman, Abu Said ul Hasan, Ibn Khurdadba, Masudi, Istakhrî, Ibn Haukal, Al Birûni (from the version of Rashîd-ud Dîn), Idrisi, and Kazwini. The Historical Works follow, and comprise those which relate specially to the Province of Sind, and the early progress of Muhammadans towards India in that direction. These are: Mujmalut-Tawârikh, the Futûh-ud-Buldân of Bîlâdirî, the Chachnâma, the Târikh-i Sind, of Mir Mâsum, Tarikh-i Tabari, Beg-Larnâma, Tarkân-nama, and the Tulifatu-l Kiram. These again are followed by an Appendix, containing the Author's original Disquisitions on the Geographical, Historical, and Ethnological questions involved in the passages previously given from the Oriental writers.

Miscellaneous.

THE PILGRIM MISSION AT ST. CHRISCHONA, NEAR BASEL, SWITZERLAND. Many of our readers have, doubtless, frequently heard of the above institution, and felt more or less interest in its operations. It is one of those enterprises which cannot fail to secure a strong hold upon the affections of all who are interested in the progress of the Kingdom of Christ. It has already been the means of doing much good, and promises to do still more in future. It has recently issued a statement of its objects and doings, accompanied with an appeal to the Christian public, in both the German and English languages. We append a copy of the document.

a suitable education. They dwell on the beautiful hill St. Chrischona, not far from Basle, in three houses and an old Church, the latter of which was benevolently ceded by the government. Though there are nearly always some students that study either Greek or Hebrew, or both, in order to read the Sacred Scriptures in their original languages, yet ancient languages are not generally taught; but of modern ones the German, English, Arabic, and French. What we think to be the most important thing is: a simple, practical knowledge of the Bible, which is carefully taught in the College; and facility, in proclaiming its blessed truths, for which there is abundant opportunity in about sixty villages and towns of its immediate neighborhood.

But that, which forms the peculiar character of the Pilgrim-Mission, is the way in which its students combine various kinds of manual work with their studies. Nearly seventy acres of land and meadows are being cultivated by their hands, and all the clothes and shoes for the Institution are made upon the premises. The brethren bake their own bread, take care of the gardens and stables, manage the kitchen, the washing and all the rest of the household work. A joiner, blacksmith, locksmith, and cartwright's shop furnish all that is necessary for the house and farm. The Institution possesses now, too, a Printing-Establishment, at which bookbinding is also done. The well-known and very edifying Periodical, "Basle Collections for Lovers of Christian Truth and Godliness," the Society's own paper, is also printed here. Its circulation promotes the interest of our cause in a twofold way.

Another peculiarity in the character of the Pilgrim-Mission is, that the teachers of the Institution, together with the students, sent forth into their own mission-field, have no salary, but are satisfied with the Apostle's ration: "having food and raiment let us be therewith content."

As regards the brethren, sent out to different parts of the world, their labors are of various kinds. About one hundred and twenty of them are pastors and school-masters (generally combined), among our German countrymen in North and South America. Others, nineteen in number, are laboring under different Missionary and other benevolent English and German Societies.

Each year some of the brethren are engaged with the Colportage, both in Switzerland and in Baden, and one is engaged as Agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, for the spread of the Sacred Scriptures throughout Egypt and Arabia Petraea.

The remainder are engaged by individual persons. Certain great land proprietors in Lithuania employ four of our brethren, either as schoolmasters or as Evangelists, among the peasants, on their large estates. One is pastor at the German Colony of Amasia, in Asia Minor.

Bishop Gobat superintends six or seven brethren in Palestine, and five as Lay-Missionaries and artisans in Abyssinia. The Pilgrim-Mission occupies at present three fields of labor of its own, viz.: Palestine, Egypt with Nubia, and the Galla country in Central Africa.

As regards Palestine, there exists at Jerusalem: 1. A mercantile business, conducted by some merchant brethren, with a branch business at Jaffa. They enjoy general esteem, as men of business, on the part of the native population, among whom they live as "the salt of the earth." They entirely support themselves by their own earnings, and materially promote our Mission in the East. The two Heads of the firm (C. F. Spittler & Co.) are at the same time members of our Local Committee at Jerusalem, presided over by Bishop Gobat.

2. An Asylum for Syrian Orphan Boys, at present fifty-five, who, after their school education, are taught some trade at the Institution.

In Egypt the Pilgrim-Mission pursues a plan, conceived some years ago, of forming a chain of twelve missionary settlements, called the Apostolic Highway, along the Nile, all through Egypt and Nubia, partly for the purpose of evangelizing the country around, partly to facilitate the intercourse with Abyssinia, where the Protestant Mission, several years ago, found a new entrance. The twelve stations are expected to contribute something to their self-support by agriculture, industry, and trade. Whatever the Lord is pleased to give us in the way of honest earning, beyond satisfying the most necessary wants of life, will go towards the sustenance of the work and its extension.

occupied; it offers the welcome opportunity to open a Mission among a new, peculiar and interesting tribe of the Hamitic family. As soon, therefore, as the Committee are possessed of the means, they will endeavor to make good their promise, to form a Missionary settlement also in Berber.

The means required for the maintaining of the one and the establishing of the other half of these twelve posts, are, and will, still be considerable. The sooner, however, the whole line of stations is completed, the easier will be their mutual intercourse and means of self-support. But for outfits, journeys, and first arrangements, at the new stations, sympathizing hearts and ministering hands are wanted.

In addition to the foregoing, we deem it but just to state, that the Committee of the Pilgrim-Mission have also sent nine brethren to establish Missions in a different direction from the above.

Of these nine brethren six have first been sent, at the most urgent request of an extraordinary zealous missionary friend in England, and nearly altogether at his expense. Two of them to establish a Mission among the Galla; South of Abyssinia, beyond the Egyptian province Fasogh, along the banks of the Blue Nile. Two others, a Mission among the Denka or Bari Tribes, who inhabit Central Africa, along the banks of the White Nile. Two others, again, have first been sent on an Exploratory Mission, to ascertain the feasibility of establishing themselves along the banks of the river Sabat, in Central Africa, too. The last three of the nine brethren have been ordered to establish a Mission also among the Galla Nation, a measure contemplated by the Committee of the Pilgrim-Mission from the beginning.

As to this undertaking, they are much encouraged by the circumstance, that by the mysterious leadings of Providence four African youths, one from the West, one from Abyssinia, one from Central Africa, and one from the Galla Nation came to St. Chrischona, to receive the blessings of Christianity and civilization, and to be prepared for future Missionary usefulness in their native lands. They should feel exceedingly grateful to the Lord, if He would vouchsafe to them the means not only of completing the education of these four youths, but also to prepare gradually a still larger number of natives to become fit fellow-laborers on the large Mission fields of Eastern, Central, and Western Africa.

A single glance at the above picture of the nature, importance and extent of our work must suffice to convince any benevolent friend of the greatness of our responsibilities and obligations; nor will the dear friends that usually take a lively interest in the prosperity of our work, withhold from us their kindest sympathies, when we have to lay before them a deficit of 1,200 to 2,000 pounds sterling, chiefly occasioned by honoring with our acceptance the several bills, lately presented to us for payment on account of our Egyptian Mission.

Wherever it is possible, the brethren diligently endeavor to follow out our original plan of self-support;—still, as most of the stations are but of recent date, when this plan requires even more support than the common mission work; and again, as both living and house-rent have become excessively dear in Egypt, we could not expect a more favorable result; and are, therefore, constrained to appeal to the benevolent feelings of the friends of Mission kindly to regard our appeal, and to assist in easing us of our burden.

And may the Lord, who has hitherto so signally blessed the labors of this Society, open the hearts of those who read this paper, that they may be willing to contribute to a work which the Lord is thus prospering. Let us not forget that we have souls before us, who are to be saved,—immortal souls, who are redeemed by the blood of Christ from sin, death, and damnation, but who either do not yet know their Saviour, or have no affection for Him.

The Lord, who willet that His kingdom shall come to all nations, is sure to give an abundant blessing to all those that are zealous in helping on this holy cause. Basle, July, 1867.

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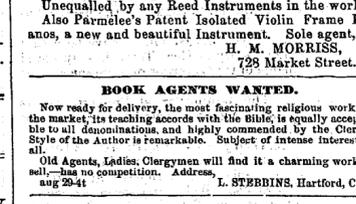
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