

Editor's Cable.

Publishers will confer a favor by mentioning the prices of all books sent to this Department.

The third volume of THACKERAY'S MISCELLANIES in the tasteful Household Edition of Fields, Osgood & Co., has appeared. It is made up of both his earliest and his latest writings. "The Book of Snobs," "Men's Wives," &c., were contributed to *Punch* prior to the composition of the works that created his fame, while "Denis Duval" remains unfinished because Mr. Thackeray died while writing it. These miscellanies are like all his productions, mildly cynical, Dickens paints the blackest of black, or the whitest of white. Thackeray paints all brown. Pp. 512. Sold by the Lippincotts.

The same publishers have published in paper covers a work which does not rank among Thackeray's permanent productions, but which did good service as a satire upon the taste for heroic scoundrelism introduced by Disraeli and Bulwer. It is CATHERINE: A STORY BY IKKY SOLOMONS, Esq., Jr. It is founded on a murder narrated in the "Newgate Calendar," and is a well sustained and effective satire. The publishers have omitted the actual story of the murder and execution, as no longer necessary.

The sons of great men are proverbially insignificant, probably because their mothers were so. The daughters of men of genius often inherit the fine powers of their fathers. This is finely illustrated by the writings of Miss Anna Isabella Thackeray, of which Fields, Osgood & Co., have published a household edition. They are very much pleasanter reading than anything from the pen of her father, while they do not evince the possession of as great intellectual power. No reader of "A Village on the Cliff," "Five Old Friends" and "The Story of Elizabeth," will fail to class them among the most delightful and charming of stories. They evince an extensive knowledge of the best side of French life, rarely found in English authors. Two volumes. Pp. 277, 282. Price \$2. For sale as above.

Dr. Hartwig's POLAR WORLD is quite an illustrated encyclopedia of what modern discovery has told us of the lands that lie around either Pole. The author, while not an original explorer, has digested with German thoroughness and patience the works of ancient and modern travelers; he gives in brief space the results of their explorations; sometimes he tells the story of their labors. He has done his work well, and has given us a whole library of books in his single volume, a volume which will have for the young the interest of a fairy tale, and for the old the value of a scientific treatise. The remarkable scenery, climate, fauna, flora, aborigines, meteoric phenomena, of our colder regions are all fully depicted. The American translator has added a fine series of one hundred and sixty-three authentic illustrations, selected from five works of authoritative value, and has appended two chapters—one giving the latest information in regard to Alaska, another condensing Captain Hall's recent experiences among the Innuits. The publishers—Harper & Bros.—have ably sustained both gentlemen in the production of a very handsome volume. Pp. 486, 8vo. For sale as above.

John S. C. Abbott, the Hagiologist of St. Napoleon, is a very entertaining writer, if not trustworthy on all themes. His last book is THE ROMANCE OF SPANISH HISTORY, and indeed is as full a "History of Spain" as most readers will care to peruse. The important points of her chronicles, from the days when Iberian, Carthaginian and Roman struggled for her possession, down through the periods of Gothic, Mohammedan and French invasion are graphically given, and the last chapter tells the story of the still incomplete Revolution. Twenty-three good illustrations add to the interest of the book. Harper & Brothers. Pp. 462. For sale as above.

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Rev. Senior Harvard, of this city, has written and published a pamphlet of 146 pages, entitled THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM; which he defines as "a kingdom not of this world; not in this world; but to come in the Heavenly Country of the Resurrection from the Dead, and of the Restitution of All Things." By a method of interpretation which seems to us thoroughly Jewish and carnal, the author arrives at the conclusion that the kingdom of heaven can have no existence until after the destruction of our earth by physical fire at the Second Advent of Christ. On page 70 he impugns the teachings of the Westminster Confession on this subject. Price 75 cents. Published at the office of The Episcopalian.

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PERIODICALS AND REVIEWS.

THE LONDON QUARTERLY for October opens with a learned but highly interesting disquisition on Islam, from the pen of the author of "The Talmud," which drew so much attention a few months ago. Next a fair article on Isaac Barrow. "Higher and Lower Animals" shows the difficulty of drawing sharp distinctions and of making either Structure or Function exclusively the ground of classification. "The Byron Mystery" takes up warmly the defense of the poet. While it seems completely to destroy the value of Mrs. Stowe's testimony, it speaks seriously of "the fair fame" of the poet—as if the admitted adultery and fornication of which he was guilty, go for nothing when it is found that incest is not to be added to the catalogue. The reviewer also speaks of taking Don Juan "out of quarantine" by this defence. Prove Byron to be an angel of light, if you can; true modesty will always bar the door of quarantine upon that scandalous production. "The Water Supply of London" is an elaborate defence, both as respects quantity and quality, of the Thames as a source upon which the London of the present and the future may depend. Is it written in the interests of the existing water companies, who would be ruined by a change? "Lord Lytton's Horace" furnishes occasion for a fresh, readable, scholarly notice of the Latin poet, and an eulogium upon the English version. We are informed that more than a score of versions of the Odes entire, have appeared in England in the last five years. "The Reconstruction of the Irish Church" is written under a fear that the process will be too radical and result in dividing the Irish utterly from the English Episcopal Church. "Sacerdotal Celibacy" is a review of our townsman, H. C. Lea's standard work on the subject, which is in the main commended by the reviewer as it deserves. The article is timely, in view of the absurd movement among the extreme Ritualists for the celibacy of the clergy of the Church of England. "The Past and Future of the Conservative Policy" is a surrender, for the present, of all aspirations for office, on the part of the Tories. New York: Leonard Scott Publication Co.; Phila.: For sale by W. B. Zieber. \$4 a year.

The Westminster Review for October opens with an elaborate article on "The Quakers," defining their peculiar views and expressing the hope that the present Rationalistic movement among them in Lancashire will succeed. "The Works of Arthur Hugh Clough," a dyspeptic genius who died in 1859, are reviewed with eulogy, and the growth of theological dyspepsia since his death exulted in. "The Water Supply of London" shows that we of Philadelphia are not alone in certain troubles. "Sunday Liberty" is what might be expected. "The Afghan Tribes on our Trans-Indus Frontier" is worth the Czar's perusal, before he begins his march from Bokhara to Hindostan. "The Natural History of Morals" is a reply to the Introduction to Lecky's last book, and is an attempted refutation of the intuitive theory of Plato, Coleridge, Lecky, etc. "The Albert Life Insurance Company," shows that underhand dealing in Insurance Companies is not confined to New Jersey. "Compulsory education" is a reply to an Anglican clergyman, who, like most of his order, opposes the measure. The last long article is the second of a series on the "Social Evil," and the proposal to bring it under State inspection and regulation in England. The writer opposes this, and the present article is mainly quotations from a "Report to the Privy Council" against the measure, on the ground of the enormous outlays needed, "which would, in the eyes of very large numbers of persons, be to the last degree odious and immoral," as obliging them "to contribute to the cost of giving an artificial security to their neighbor's looseness of life." The short reviews are as miscellaneous and spicy as usual.

LITERARY ITEMS.

The London Post of Nov. 2, is informed that Dr. Lushington's continued silence on the Byron mystery is in no respect attributable to his age or state of health, his intellect being remarkably clear and vigorous for his age; nor does he shun allusions to the topic, although he declines to state whether Lady Byron did or did not make the specific charge in question.

Two literary workers, of great usefulness and small fame, died last month in London. One was John Bruce, formerly editor of The Gentleman's Magazine, and editor of some of the most valuable publications of the Camden Society. The other was Alexander Ramsay, the principal assistant of Mr. Charles Knight in his "English Cyclopaedia" and other works, and in his youth sub-editor of the famous old Penny Magazine.

One of the curiosities of the month is a poem by Father Hyacinthe, printed in French in *Putnam's Magazine* for December, with an English rhymed translation, by Lucy Fountain. It is entitled "Recollections of Childhood," and was written when Father Hyacinthe was sixteen years old.

Richard Hildreth, the careful historian of the United States, died very poor and broken by literary drudgery, in Florence, in 1863, some 56 years old. His wife died soon after, of cholera, in Naples. A gentleman from Cleveland, traveling in Italy last summer, heard the sad facts and learned that not even the simplest monument had been erected to the memory of the historian. He immediately wrote to Harper and Brothers, relating the facts, and in reply came a check for a generous amount to cover all the expenses for a fitting tombstone. Hiram Powers, hearing of the circumstances, volunteered to superintend the work, and before leaving Italy the Clevelander had the satisfaction of seeing in the beautiful Protestant cemetery of Florence, where the grave of Elizabeth Barrett Browning

is marked by a handsome monument bearing her name as the only inscription, another monument, chase and simple, over the grave of Richard Hildreth, bearing the brief record of his name and the date of his death. So says the *Cleveland Herald*.

Missionary Items.

The American Board has occupied another station in Bulgaria, Samokove, a town of 12,000 inhabitants. Mr. Locke writes, Aug. 3d: The mass of the people (Bulgarians) are very much stirred by our coming. Anathemas have been pronounced upon us; every one is forbidden to have anything to do with us, in any way. But the Turks and Jews are very friendly indeed. The Turkish Governor has been to see us twice; each time shaking hands with all of us. He has interested himself in getting a house for us, offering to rent us a large one adjoining his own. To day his wife came, and spent over an hour taking a lesson on her sewing-machine. They had got it out of order, and begged us to see if we could right it for them. One of the greatest curses of the place is the use of wine and whiskey. Two or three weeks since, the head men of the Bulgarians enacted a law, that on Sabbath morning, two able bodied men, with stout staves, should visit all the wine-shops and send home all of the priests whom they might find there; a reform proceeding from the people to those who should be leaders in such matters; and on one Sabbath these two men were seen going from shop to shop.

The district in Central Turkey, north of Mt. Taurus, in the track of Paul's journeys, has recently been explored by Mr. Montgomery, of the American Board's Mission at Marash, south of the mountain. He speaks of a large and almost countless number of Greek villages in the region explored. What to hope respecting the future of these Greek Christians, since they are not nationally Greeks, but only members of the Greek Church, he does not know. The fact that one of the Protestants here is from that communion, and that two other men avow themselves convinced of the truth, but are kept back through fear of persecution, may be an indication that their case is not utterly hopeless.

Mr. Jessup of Beirut, reports some very remarkable facts, indicative of outward progress as the result of the efforts of Missionaries in Syria. They are such as a steam flour-mill at Acre, a steam saw-mill at the mouth of the Orontes, a lively trade in kerosene and lamps, with a native improvement to adapt the lamps to use of the poor; all in the hands of Protestants.

The Greeks in a certain district in Syria, having quarrelled among themselves, cast about for an agent to whom they could intrust the care of their funds. They could not trust the priest, nor the sheik, nor any one of the old men, and at length, by unanimous consent, they requested the Rev. Mr. Ford, the American missionary, to take charge of the revenues of the Greek church! A few years since, the Governor of Lebanon, and the British Consul-General requested an American missionary to take the charge of the Druze College in Lebanon, which is supported by the ecclesiastical revenues of the Druze nation.

Rev. Samuel Jessup sends good news from Hama, where there has been more or less difficulty. The brethren have elected an evangelistic committee to send two persons to some neighboring village every Sunday. They have reorganized their missionary society, and all have become paying members, giving their contributions weekly. They have appointed their deacon missionary to Hamath, and pay half his salary and expenses. They have asked for a native pastor. A young Armenian convert of Mosul was invited by the Protestants there to become their pastor, but he replied that he did not know enough, and must have an education. So he left his wife and children with his father, sold his house and what little property he had in order to raise funds, came to Beirut and entered the college there.

The American Board received in September \$27,604 in donations and \$4,517 in legacies. Not a little of this was designed for the previous year's account. The receipts of the Presbyterian Board for the same period, were \$10,662.

Of course the reaction against Romish despotism in Spain, has brought into view the atheistic tendencies that had previously lain dormant. One of the deputies, in a discussion of the religious question, after denouncing Romanism proceeded to expound what he called his "new idea," which denies the existence of a God and a life to come. A missionary, Mr. Villasis, is "sorry to say that this new idea is coming into fashion now among the young republicans. They think it very suitable to deny God and everything. A Spaniard laughed at me the other day, when speaking to him about the salvation of his soul, and he said in a mocking way, 'Do you really believe there is a God and a life to come? I don't. We know better. We now have liberty, and we can see the truth. Religion was very good once, but it is old. The Bible and such things are of no use to us now; we are too far advanced. We have the new idea now.' I answered, 'Friend, you do not yet know what the Bible is; and as for your new idea, why, it is as old as history. If you will look at the 14th Psalm, which was written by David about 3000 years ago, you will see your new idea mentioned: 'The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.' He was rather annoyed to find the new idea was not so new after all.'

The Mehre Caste, in Northern India, belonging to the Sikhs, have become widely interested in Christianity, through the labors of the late Rev. J. H. Orison, until recently connected with the Lodiana mission, now deceased. They had been in the habit of meeting together once a week, to discuss the relative claims of Hindooism and Christianity upon them, and had called upon Mr. O. to meet with and aid them in their search for truth, which he did. Several of them have asked for baptism and are on probation. An old blind man of this caste, however, astonished the missionary with the depth of his knowledge and experience, and was received. He was driven out of doors by his family. It was a dark, stormy, rainy night, and the homeless old man dressed in a shirt or gown reaching scarcely to his knees, spent it in the dirty filthy street. For

two days he begged his bread, and slept in the veranda of a school house before his condition was found out by the Christians. He came to the missionary on the third day, and seemed really to be rejoicing in his tribulation. He did not come begging, but professed his belief that Christ would take care of him. An inquirer took him into his house, and cared for him for a few days, and the native church supplied him with food and clothes. This treatment of the old man aroused the chief men of the caste, who called the caste together, and by a resolution compelled the old man's wife and sons to take care of him. They have since ceased to trouble him.

Girdari, a servant in the missionary families of the Lodiana mission, was formerly a Sikh Guru of the Mehre caste, and was so popular that he obtained about six thousand (6000) disciples, who believed it to be a great privilege, to be permitted to worship the clay upon which their Guru stood. This man began to question the truth of Sikhism and Hindooism and to inquire into the truth of Christianity about eight years ago. For about two years he has professed to his disciples his belief in Jesus as the only Saviour from sin, and that Jesus Christ is the "Nakalunk avatar," i. e., the immaculate manifestation of the Deity in accordance with one of the most popular of the pretended prophecies of Nanak, the great leader of the Hindu sect, called the Sikh. According to this prophecy, a time was to come when there would be an immaculate manifestation of the Deity. This manifestation is called the "Nakalunk avatar." The person in whom the Deity would then be revealed would be perfectly holy and sinless, he would be rejected by the great majority of men, and would meet with a violent death. The religion which he should establish would, however, notwithstanding the opposition of his enemies, be extended over the whole world, would abolish caste and all of the peculiarly exclusive customs of the Hindus, etc. Girdari believes that Jesus fulfills all the conditions of this prophecy, except that Jesus lived and died twelve or thirteen centuries before Nanak was born. He has convinced a considerable number of his disciples of the reasonableness of his own opinions, and has interested many in regard to the claims of Jesus to be the expected "Nakalunk avatar."

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