

Editor's Table.

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

Messrs. NELSON & SONS, London and New York, are doing a work that should and must be appreciated by all sensible people. They are offering a series of holiday books in which elegance and even luxury of externals and eloquence of style are made to cover and commend the great facts of natural history and the results of modern travel and inquiry.

In THE WILD SPORTS OF THE WORLD, Mr. James Greenwood gives another proof of the versatility of a pen which has already stirred a vast public upon the condition of the London poor. He here leads us through a succession of the most exciting scenes in the life of the hunter, especially in his conflicts with the larger brutes of the wilderness, as the elephant, the lion, the gorilla, the rhinoceros, the tiger, the wild horse, the crocodile, &c.

An immense amount of valuable information is brought within easy reach of the inquirer in HAYDN'S DICTIONARY OF DATES, which, as revised by the last English editor, Mr. Benjamin Vincent, may be called "a dated Encyclopedia."

For quick reference in all matters of historic interest, it is everything that could be wished. Not merely the date, but a condensed summary of facts which may comprise all that we need to know, forms part of every item.

Scribner & Co.'s popular edition of FROUDE'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND has now reached the fourth volume. The price is but \$1.25 each. It is a public benefaction to put such valuable, standard works within reach of the general public.

Not only are the new issues, by Messrs. Scribner & Co., of STANLEY'S JEWISH CHURCH to be commended for their cheapness, but they are actually much handier volumes for the student's use, than the more costly ones.

EGYPT 3500 YEARS AGO, (C. Scribner & Co.) is in the style of preceding volumes of the ILLUSTRATED LIBRARY OF WONDERS. It presents a connected and very readable account of the early history of Egypt, drawing upon the monuments for a large part of the story, and for the graphic illustrations with which it is adorned.

"THE BAYARD SERIES" is one of the most tasteful and elegant of the English Classics that has yet appeared. They are small, square 8vo. volumes, in delicate flexible bindings, compact, light, and yielding easily to the hand, and are among the most ethereal products of the book-maker's art.

J. C. Garrigue & Co. issue Mr. Gould's SONGS OF GLADNESS, for Sunday schools, in fine cloth binding, for 50 cts. It is a collection combining fine taste and real merit, both in music and words. Many of the latter are by well-known pastors of this city, as Drs. Stryker and Breed, and choice compositions they are.

M. W. DODD has done a good work for the cause of Sabbath school instruction in issuing MIMPRISS' GRADED LESSON BOOKS in which the Life of Christ, as harmonized from the Four Evangelists, is arranged in Lessons adapted, I. To younger classes; II. To children; and, III. To youth.

THE PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATION COMMITTEE continue to issue a smaller class of books, expecting, doubtless, soon to enter upon the issue of the prize volumes, so far as the awards have been made.

DR. NELSON deserves the thanks of parents and teachers, for the sweet, winning words of the little volume, SEEING JESUS, in which he endeavors to convey clear ideas of the Saviour's life and character to the young.

JOSEPH is a simple republication in the nobly simple words of inspiration, of the story which has charmed the universal childhood of Christendom.

A MENDED LIFE is a simple, well-told story of purely domestic interest, in which negligence and want of principle are contrasted with thrift and piety in the varied and not extraordinary scenes of an humble English home.

MAPLEVILLE BOYS by Miss C. M. Trowbridge, gives us several significant and well-drawn pictures of boy life and character; and in Dr. Norton, many valuable hints as to the best manner of dealing with their faults and sins.

THE STORY OF A BAD BOY, by Thomas B. Aldrich, must be read, understanding the word "Bad" as expressing the too common, unreflecting opinion held by people inclined to be impatient, of a class of boys better described as roguish, mischievous and fond of practical jokes, rather than depraved.

ALONE IN LONDON is one of those sweet, touching stories of child life among the London poor, with which the author of "Jessica's First Prayer" can so gently stir the fountain of our tears and quicken our purest sympathies.

JOE AND THE HOWARDS or "Armed with Eyes," by Carl, is an excellent attempt to acquaint young readers with the marvels of insect life through the medium of a story.

One of T. NELSON & SON'S elegant illustrated volumes is for quite young readers, say from six to ten years. It is quite a feast for the little ones, bringing together, in "THE WORLD AT HOME," as it is called, about one hundred and fifty different objects of interest, strange animals, remarkable natural scenery, out-of-the-way pursuits of men, incidents of travel and of missionary life, furnishing entertainment of the best kind and of almost inexhaustible variety to the young reader and hearer.

found on nearly every leaf, and the paper and binding are of suitable elegance.

BUTTERFLY'S FLIGHTS is the title of a series of juvenile books of travel, by the author of the "Win and Wear" series. Three volumes have appeared: Mt. Mansfield, Niagara Falls, and Saratoga Springs. The others will be Montreal, Sea Side and Philadelphia.

MESSRS. SCRIBNER & Co., have issued Wood's Bible Animals, elegant 8vo., illustrated, cloth, \$5.00.

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HARPER & BROS., have Paul Du Chailfu's valuable aid in getting up a fine holiday juvenile called LOST IN THE JUNGLE, richly illustrated.

ANDREW F. GRAVES, Boston, issues WALTER AND FRANK OF THE Woodbine Series, in attractive exterior.

HARPER'S MONTHLY for December. BLACKWOOD for November. OLD FRANKLIN ALMANAC for 1870.

Scientific Items.

Geologists may learn something of the rapid accumulation of sediment, from the work of Col. Gowen, in raising the sunken ships at Sebastopol. He found the ships buried in mud from nineteen to twenty-three feet deep, and was obliged to provide apparatus not merely for lifting them from deep water, but also for digging them out of the mud.

The discovery of a new anesthetic by some German doctor is announced. It is called Chloralhydrat, and from repeated experiments it is ascertained that it produces a more complete state of unconsciousness than chloroform, without any of the latter's evil effects upon the system.

The English journals have just published some speculations on one of the most startling of astronomical facts, the explosion, or rather the conflagration of Tau Coronæ. It appears that another and much more important star is slowly taking itself out of our system.

A new race of people, supposed to be of Asiatic origin, and having features strongly resembling the Anglo-Saxons, has been discovered by the missionaries in the south western part of Africa. They adjoin the Bechuans, and are known as the Ovas.

The opinion seems to be gaining strength that the Pacific Railroad is working a great change in the climate of the Plains. Instead of continuous droughts, all along the railroad rain now falls in refreshing abundance.

The iron rails which touch and cross each other in every direction, serve as conductors and equalizers of the electric currents, and so prevent the terrible explosions which used to terrify us in former years.

Such is the wonderful rapidity of photographic action that the image of the full moon can be fixed in less than one-fourth of a second, and that of the sun instantaneously.

On the other hand, our common photographic process is not as rapid as sight. The photographs of Minnehaha, for instance, make the beautiful, thin, lace-like sheet of falling water look like a foaming mass, several inches in depth, the true impression being lost, from the time required to secure a negative.

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Temperance Items.

Dr. Charles Jewett has been secured as associate editor of the National Temperance Advocate. Dr. J. has had forty years' experience in various branches of the work.

The Assembly which met in the Brick church, New York, in May last, recommended that all the pastors within its bounds should preach a sermon on Temperance, on the third Sabbath of this month.

The Advocate estimates that fifty thousand temperance Republicans refused to vote their party ticket, on account of the nomination of General Sigel as Secretary of State.

The President of the South Side (Long Island) Railroad, in response to the inquiry of the Blue Point Total Abstinence Society, replied that there was no employee of the company, and that if he knew of any who did he would immediately discharge him.

intoxicating drinks should be retained upon any railroad in the country.

Rev. W. W. H. Murray, of Boston, made a temperance address, November 11th, before the great temperance society of Dr. Cuyler's church, of which it is reported: "The speech was worthy of the Senate Chamber."

E. H. Uniac, the brilliant and popular temperance orator, died October 21st, in Boston—a victim of Boston rum-shops, having gone home late at night intoxicated, and having liquor in his possession. He delivered a thrilling address at Templeton, on October 14th, his last public speech, giving a description of the power of appetite seldom equalled.

The Eastern New York Grand Division Sons of Temperance and the Grand Division of New Jersey have recently taken action in favor of local prohibition.—The Wisconsin Grand Division recommends petitioning for the suppression of the traffic in the District of Columbia.—The Florida Grand Division, appreciating the peril of the colored people, adopted a plan that it is hoped will be acceptable to all concerned, and will marshal them as thoroughly under the blessed white banner of temperance as they are now under the blood-red one of rum.

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