

LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

THE SHENANDOAH; OR, THE LAST CONFEDERATE CRUISER. By Cornelius E. Hunt, New York: Carleton, Philadelphia Agent: Duffield Ashmead.

We doubt if Southern soldiers and Southern sailors will ever cease to write stupid books detailing their adventures. The one before us is no more than ordinarily dull. It has nothing to enliven it. The Shenandoah burned a score of whalers, and that was all she did. She never had a fight. Her captain appears, by the making out of Mr. Hunt, to be little better than a thief, and Mr. Hunt himself seems to be a good deal of a coward.

MOSEBY AND HIS MEN. By J. Marshall Crawford. New York: Carleton, Philadelphia Agent: Duffield Ashmead.

Yet another of the Southern war narratives. It is of the stereotyped class, filled with uninteresting details, and abounding in all the usual buncombe display, which is so liberally scattered through all such adventures. We speak impartially when we say that it will not repay perusal.

SWEDENBORG'S "HEAVEN AND HELL." HEAVEN AND ITS WONDERS AND HELL. FROM THINGS SEEN BY EMMANUEL SWEDENBORG.

When Swedenborg announced, about a century ago, the actual existence of a spiritual world in immediate proximity to the natural, like cause and effect, he was regarded as a visionary whose claims were too preposterous to be entertained.

Swedenborg was no sectarian—he wrote for the whole world—his system is too vast and comprehensive to be appreciated by a puny sect; and whilst his philosophy is making rapid progress, his followers as a sect have met with little success.

The volume before us, as to paper, typography, and binding, is one of the most beautiful ever published in this country, and we congratulate Messrs. Lippincott & Co. on the perfection to which they have brought the art of book-making.

Men after death have every sense, and all the memory, thought, and affection, which he had in the world; and he leaves behind him nothing but his terrestrial body.

"THE RICH HUSBAND."—Mrs. J. H. Riddell's new novel, to be published on Saturday next by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, is by the author of "George Geith," which alone will secure for it a wide circle of readers.

"New America," by William Hepworth Dixon, has been greeted with marked success. It is a book which is specially adapted to our citizens, inasmuch as it graphically describes life among the Mormons, and travels through all sections of our country.

THE FIRST STATE OF MAN AFTER DEATH. There are three states through which man passes after death, before he enters either heaven or hell. The first state is that of his exterior; the second, that of his interior; and the third, that of his preparation.

MEMOIRS OF A PARISIAN BEAUTY. THE succession of changes in national affairs which can and do occur during the life of one individual, is vividly called to mind by the publication of the "Memoirs of Madame Récamier." The utter instability of thrones, and the greater permanence sometimes granted to a human being than to a dynasty of kings, is well illustrated by the fact that while seven governments were erected in France, each successively came to an end while

Madame Récamier lived on. One woman outliving seven national powers is a sight seldom presented, and is fearfully suggestive of the weakness of authority.

Next came a brilliant young Helrow, who has since risen to great distinction among his own people—Benjamin F. Peck, at present the Grand Master of the I. O. O. F., a Jewish order, like the Masons, spread throughout the country.

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Brown came from Toledo to Cleveland, having been a brief while upon a daily paper in that city. His columns of department—the local—was never distinguished for the dry record and chronicle for which such are generally reputed.

This was literally true of him. His first striking essays of wit were his caricatures of local politicians. These were drawn to the life. The "Western Reserve" at the time had its Giddings, its Wade, its Spalding, its Tilden, and its D. K. Carter.

Her intimacy with Hortense Beauharnais, Queen of Sweden and mother of the present Emperor of France, brought her into contact with Louis Napoleon; and after his fiasco at Strasbourg, and when he lay in prison at the Conciergerie, she was one of the few who visited him and received his distracted mother into her house.

He was his own worst enemy. Too yielding, his associates were more of the Bohemian type, because he was, indeed, the Prince or Bohemian. He did not, indeed, attain "the dignity of literature" in the exalted sense of that noble profession, for he was deficient in education, his range of reading restricted, and his life never that of a student.

He utterly scorned all and every attempt at cant and hypocrisy, and was as keenly alive to his own demerits and deficiencies as the most acute of his critics.

NEW PUBLICATIONS. AGENTS WANTED FOR THE MOST EXCITING AND INTERESTING BOOK OF THE DAY.

GENERAL L. C. BAKER'S HISTORY OF THE SECRET SERVICE. This history was announced one year ago, but owing to the attempts of the Government to suppress it, its publication was delayed. It will now be issued, unaltered and unabridged, under the supervision of General Baker.

national renown. The bosom-friend of the lamented Douglas, he stood by the "Little Giant" through all the mighty conflicts of that daring and undaunted statesman, suffering political deception as Postmaster of the lucrative office in Cleveland rather than trim his sails to meet the exactions of the old Public Functionary—James Buchanan.

Then there was the author of "Round the Block," John B. Bouton, afterwards connected with the "Journal of Commerce," and still, I believe, a writer on one of the daily papers of New York.

Bouton was followed by William E. McLaren, now an eloquent missionary in some distant part of the globe, but then a poet, whose contributions to the "Knickerbocker" and other magazines were fraught with the divine inspiration of which true poetry is born.

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