BY J. G. WHITHER. Right in the track where Sherman Ploughed his red furrow, Out of the narrow cabin, Up from the cellar's burrow, Gathered the little black people With freedom newly dowered, Where, beside their Northern teacher, Stood the soldier, Howard.

He listened and heard the children Of the poor and long enslaved Reading the words of Jesus, Singing the songs of David Behold! the dumb lips speaking, The blind eyes seeing! Bones of the Prophet's vision Warmed into being!

Transformed he saw them passing Their new life's portal; Put on the immortal No more with the beasts of burden. No more with stone and clod, But crowned with glory and holor

In the image of God! There was the human chattel Its manhood taking; There, in each dark, bronze statue, A soul was waking

The man of many battles, With tears his cyclids pressing Stretched over those dusky foreheads His one-armed blessing. And he said:-"Who hears can never

Fear for or doubt you: What shall I tell the children Up North about you?" Then ran round a whisper, a murmur, Some answer devising;

And a little boy stood up:-"Massa, Tell 'em we're rising!' O black boy of Atlanta!

But half was spoken: The slave's chain and the master's Alike are broken. The one curse of the races Held both in tether:

They are rising—all are rising, The black and white together! O brave men and fair women! Ill comes of hate and scorning: Shall the dark taces only

Be turned to morning Make Time your sole avenger, All-healing, all-redressing; Meet Fate half way, and make it A joy and blessing!
-Atlantic Monthly for March.

LITERATURE. REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

TRAVELS AND ADVENTURES IN THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA. By Frederick Whymper. Published by Harper & Brothers. Philadelphia Agents: Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger. Up to the time of the purchase of Russian

America by Mr. Seward it was practically an unknown country, and the most contradictory opinions prevailed as to the value of our acquisition. All the reports, surveys, books of travel, encyclopicdias, and other sources of information were ransacked for the purpose of throwing light on the subject; but the territory is so far removed from the centres of civilization, and has been so little visited by those who have the ability or disposition to give a satisfactory account of its topography, plimate, minerals, resources, and people, that we know very little more about it new than we did when Mr. Seward's bargain was confirmed by the Senate, and the territory formally annexed to the United States. Any account of Alaska, however meagre, by an intelligent observer, is of value; and the volume before us is interesting, as being the record the portion of the territory visited as it is at the present time.

Mr. Whymper is a model travelling Briton, and describing himself as "having, like a good proportion of my countrymen, a little superfluous energy, which was lying fallow" -for which he devoutly thanks God-he determined, in 1862, to visit the Pacific coast, and particularly British Columbia. His travels led him to Russian America, and he explored for a considerable portion of its length, the river Yucon, the great stream running west to empty into Behring Sea, and dividing the territory into two very nearly equal portions. In 1865, after the acquisition of Russian America by the United States, he volunteered to accompany, in the capacity of artist, the expedition sent out by the Western Union Tele-Box to commence the exploration for a proposed overland telegraph, which, by means of a cable via Behring Straits, was to unite the Old and the New World; and in this volume he gives the result of his observations.

Mr. Whymper gives a lively description of the country, and its aboriginal inhabitants, and in summing up the results of his observations, he comes to the conclusion that Russian America is not likely to prove a bad bargain to the United States. A map of the territory, and one enlarged of the Yucon river, are given, and the work is illustrated by a large number of excellent sketches of scenery, people, etc., made by the author on the spot. LETTERS OF A SENTIMENTAL IDLER. Harry Harewood Leech. Published by D.

Appleton & Co., New York. Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Nubia, and the Holy Land have been "done" so often by travellers that it must be almost impossible to say anything new about them. The old story, however, can be told in such a manner as to appear as much of a novelty as ever, and an intelligent writer, with a lively and entertaining style, can give us some new ideas about the countries that are now included in the grand tour, and are visited every day by idlers, sentimental and otherwise, who give their various experiences in the form of letters to the papers and books of travel. Mr. Leech travelled for the purpose of enjoyment, and his letters show him to be a keen observer, with a fine appreciation of humor, and his adventures are narrated in a pleasant, gosaipy sort of style that makes them very agreeable reading. The Letters occupy 463 octavo pages, and they give very picturesque descriptions of the Orient, with lively and amusing sketches of the manners and customs of the people, and the various queer and surious adventures which befel the Idler during his travels. The work is illustrated by a portrait of the author and a number of

engravings of Oriental life.

BETTER VIEWS OF LIVING. By A. B. Childs, M.

D. Published by Adams & Co., Boston. The author of this work is a spiritualist, and looks to spiritualism for the regeneration of the world. Spiritualism is, he considers, a growth founded on the all-embracing virtue of charity: its present form and manifestations are but the beginning, but he looks forward to the time when men will be so far advanced that they will be able to discard the artificial restraints of our present social system, and the charity "that suffereth long and is kind" will be the ruling influence on earth.

Dr. Childs announces as the basis of his creed the doctrine that "whatever is is right," and if we understand the treatise before us he concurs in the Brahminical belief that God is everything and everything is God. Evil he considers as a manifestation of God, and as necessary for man's perfect spiritual development; and if the author in reducing his belief from general principles to particulars becomes involved in contradictions and mystifications, he is no worse off than many others who have attempted to solve the same enigma. The treatise is written in an earnest and devout Christian spirit that entitles it to the respectful consideration of those who may differ with the

-From Turner, Brothers & Co. we have received "Madame de Chamblay," by Alexander Dumas. This is the first of a series of popular works by the best American and English authors, in course of preparation by Messrs. Turner. "Madame de Chamblay" is a characteristic work by Dumas: it is written in his best style, and it will be read with interest by the admirers of "The Count of Monte Cristo," "The Three Guardsmen," and the other writings of the most voluminous and popular of the French novelists of the day.

-"Phonixiana," the sketches and burlesques of John Phoenix (Captain Derby, U. S. A.), published by D. Appleton & Co., has been laid on our table by Messrs. Turner Brothers & Co. This is the twelfth edition of one of the best and most popular humorous works ever published in this country. John Phonix created a sensation when he first appeared, some fifteen years or more ago, and the fact that the work still finds readers and admirers proves that the fun is genuine. We commend to those who are unacquainted with Phoenix the description of the great editorial combat, when the interposition by a friendly pressman of an ink roller between the faces of the combatants gave the affair a different com-

-From Messrs. Turner, Brothers & Co. we we have also received "The Miners' Journal and Coal Statistical Register for 1869." This is a valuable compilation of coal and mining statistics, published at the office of the Miners? Journal, Pottsville, Pa.

-From D. Ashmead we have received "Phoenixiana," and "Woodstock," a romance by Sir Walter Scott, both published by D. Appleton & Co. "Woodstock" is the twenty-first volume of the very cheap and attractive edition of the Waverley Novels now being issued by Messrs. Appleton. 208 pages, in clear, handsome type, are given for the low of recent travel, and as giving us an idea of price of 25 cents. The entire edition will be completed in twenty-five volumes, at six dollars for the set.

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-The Apollo Ledge, No. 296, I. O. O. F .. have published in a neat little volume the history of the lodge from its organization, February 19, 1848, to its twenty-first anniversary, February 19, 1869. Printed by Collins. No. 704 Jayne street.

- Our Young Folks for March presents an attractive series of sketches, stories, poetry and pictures which will be appreciated by the juveniles. In the April number a valuable serial, entitled "Gardening for Girls," will be commenced. Messrs. Fields, Osgood & Co., the publishers, announce that they will send four numbers of Our Young Folks, from January to April of this year, as specimens, to any persons who will send them their address.

-The Nursery, for March, published by John L. Shorey, No. 13 Washington street. Boston, is, as usual, full of good pictures, that old as well as young people will be pleased with, and short stories, ske hes and verses, that the youngest readers can understand.

-The "American Ecclesiastical and Educational Almanac" for 1869, the most valuable manual of its kind published in this country, has just appeared. It is compiled by Professor Alexander J. Schaw, and published at No. 15 Day street, New York.

The Invention of Lithography.

BY JAMES PARTON. The impatience of a German washerwoman d to the invention of lithography. The history of that elegant art begins with a homely domes tic seene, which occurred at Munich about the year 1793, and in which three characters figured Madame Sencicleen, the poor widow of an excellent actor, then recently deceased; her son, Alois Sencicler, aged twenty-two, a young man of an inventive turn; and the impatient washerwoman just mentioned. The washerwo-man had called at the home of this widow for the weekly "wash;" but the "list" was not ready, and the widow asked her son to take it. He looked about the room for a piece of paper upon which to write it, without being able to find the least fragment, and he noticed also that his ink was dry. Washerwomen are not apt to be overawed by such enstomers, and this one certamly did not conceal her impatience while the vultiess search was proceeding. The young man had in the apartment a smooth, soft, cream-colored stone, such as lithographers now use. He had also a mass of paste made of lampblack. wax, soap, and water. In the hurry of the moment he dashed upon the soft, smooth stone the short list of garments, using for the purpose this awkward lump of oily paste. The washer-woman went off with her small bundle of clothes, peace was restored to the family, and the writing on the stone remained,—Atlan ic Monthly for March, FINANCIAL.

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