## LITERATURE.

VIEW OF NEW BOOKS WANDERING RECOLLECTIONS OF A SOMEWHAT Busy Lars. An Autobiography. By John Neal. Received from D. Ashmead.

There is no pleasanter reading than the autobiography of an active, busy man who has seen the world with his eyes open, and who knows how to put his impressions on paper. Mr. Neal, a lawyer, now living at a good old age in Portland, Maine, is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, literary man in the United States. He has been a frequent contributor to the magazines on both sides of the Atlantic, and has written several works which enjoyed considerable popularity in their day. More important than this, however, he has been brought in contact with eminent men on both sides of the Atlantic, and his varying fortunes have led him into scenes that make an interesting narrative as related in his autobiography. Although Mr. Neal is now seventy-seven years of age, he writes with spirit, and is not too garrulous to be agreeable. He gives many Very interesting reminiscences, and the book is one that may be read with pleasure and profit. We quote the following reminiscence

of Jeremy Bentham:-People who have heard of Jeremy Bentham only through Blackwood, the Edinburgh, Francis Jeffrey, Professor Wilson, and that wittiest of reviewers, Sydney Smith, can have no idea of the wonderful changes in legislation and jurisprudence, and in the administration of justice, throughout the world, of which he was the originator. Lord Brougham's labors, and the labors of Mill the father, Mill the son; of Sir Samuel Romilly, of Solicitor Parkes, of Robert Owen, of Rowland Ifill, now Sir Rowland; of the two Austins, especially of the elder on Jurisprudence, in the Encyclopædia Britannica; of Grote, le historian; of Roebuck, the — what shall I all him?—for he is unlike everybody else, so at "none but himself can be his parallel;" of

I our reformers in this country, on the subject of universal suffrage, the law of evidence, and the admission of parties, on usury, on women's rights, etc., etc., to say nothing of such men as Aaron Burr, John Pierpout, David Hoffman, and Chief Justice Appleton, of Maine—have all been after the plaus, promptings, and approximately and suggestions. been after the plans, promptings, and sugges-tions of Jeremy Bentham. Since the times of Aristotle and Lord Bacon, it may be said with truth—and here I have the opinion of Dr. Parr to strengthen me—there has been no such re-forms brought by any mortal man in logic, in morals, and legislation, in civil and criminal jurisprudence, in the administration of justice, or in the treatment of criminals, as by this extraordinary man and his disciples and followers. The legislation of the world—it is not saying too much, of the whole world-has been modified or completely revolutionized, by the tremen-dous though quiet energy of that old man's

Look at the law of evidence, for example. If any part of that law which is called "the perfection of reason" deserved to be so regarded by the profession, it was the law of evidence. Upon this point we were all of one mind. Whatever might be said of the Lex Mercatoria, of Coke's Institutes, or Shepard's Touchstone, or Fearne's Contingent Remainders and Executory Devises—the adjudications of Lord Mansfield, with the commentaries of Blackstone, of Gould, of hitty, of Peake, of Greenleaf, Starkey, Story, Powell, and others, on the law of evidence, left nothing to be desired. But how is it now? Since Bentham appeared, and his labors have come to be understood, what is there left of the whole system worth remembering? The wisest maxims of our fathers have been set aside without ceremony, and common sense everywhere is taking the place of precedents and technicali-

But how came this man to undertake so much, and to persevere so long, against all combina-ions and misrepresentations for a lifetime? "I am naturally of a weakmind," said he to me matter over. "All that can be said of me is that

have made the most of it." "I have sometimes thought," said he, at an-ther time, with a look of great solemnity, whether or no I was not mad. If I am notach things will come across our thoughts now nd then—all the rest of the world must be so. No, no," said I; "their not believing as you do a cases which are abundantly clear to you, soves, not that they are mad, but that they are not considered the matter as you have." True, true," he said: "yes, yes, to be sure; bedes, for forty years there was nobody to attack e, except with ridicule and misrepresentation.
"What did your father think of these works?" inquired, as he took down the "Defense of y" from a shelf, and mentioned that the had belonged to his father. It was crammed fith letters, and a review from the Old Monthly was wafered into it. "I'll tell you," said he, with great eagerness. "'Jerry,' said he on his leath-bed, 'Jerry, you have made a philosoher of me. I suppose I smiled; for the idea of that old white-haired man before me, nearly inst old white-haired man before me, nearly urscore and upwards,' like Lear—and like ir, too, 'mightly abused'—ever having been led Jerry—Jerry,—after he had written orals and Legislation,' 'The Defense of iry, and other works of a similar character, kied me prodigiously, though Dr. Parr always led him not only Jerry, but Master Jerry, to dying day. He made another will," added Beatham, "and left out the name of Christ." did more than smile now; I laughed outright. he idea of taking that for a measure of improvement in philosophy was yet more diverting than the other. But he was perfectly sedous. And, by the way, this reminds me that if. Solicitor Parkes, author of the "History of Phancery," who married an American wife, the aughter of Dr. Priestley, told me, one day, then we were canvassing the past of Benthamm, and casting his horoscope for the future, hat, when he was a boy, Dr. Parr told him to ead the works of Bentham, as the greatest man nat ever lived; and that, not long before, a lergyman, a very clever fellow, and a fine cholar, who was not suspected by Mr. Parkes to now anything of Benthanism, in reply to some uestion as to what book, for the last hundred id more than smile now; I laughed outright. gestion as to what book, for the last hundred ears, had done most for the mind, and showed ost power and originality, answered, without esitation, "Benthain's Morals and Legislation," dding that Dr. Parr had told him to read it any years before; that he read it accordingly, ad never had but one opinion of it since. Said Brougham, June 2, 1818, in the House of

Said Brougham, June 2, 1818, in the House of ommons, 'I agree with my honorable friend, he member for Arundel, Sir Samuel Romilly, he looked up to Mr. Bentham with the almost Hial receivence of a pupil for his tutor."

The following memorandum, in this connecton, may be worth preserving:—

"MARCH 37, 1827.—To-day Mr. Gallatin, who a native, as everybody knows, of Geneva, soke to me of his townsman and old associate, amont. Burr, whom he called an ambitious oke to me of his townsman and old associate, amont. Burr, whom he called an ambitious as, with a shrug and a smile, gave him, in 23, the first work of Bentham's he had ever et with to read. It was the English quarto on lorals and Legislation, saying 'Here, this will ease you—it is too dry for me.' Since which r., Gallatin had read everything of Bentham's, rept some of his last works, which he could t get hold of, he said."

A striking incident, on the whole; for Benam's acquaintance with Burr grew out of the ct that a stranger had left orders with M. Benam's bookseller to send him everything of

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rongest and driest Benthanism, which, in 1793,
enty years before, had been too much for him.
c. Bentham, having heard that he was an
merican, and exceedingly clever, though he
d no idea it was Burr, invited him to Queenmare Place, and gave him apartments, the uare Place, and gave him apartments, the ne he afterwards gave me, where he stayed he left England forever.

Bentham's unrelenting hostility to what he called judge-made law and lawyers, which re sulted in the great changes we are all profiting by, grew out of a little incident which occurred in the very first case he ever undertook; and he never moddled with another. "All reports were in manuscript then," said he. "On a particular occasion I was applied to in a matter of consequence. I gave a legal opinion, which turned out not to be law at the time, though not long before it was law; the law having been changed

by judicial decisions, without my knowledge or cousent! I refused to give any opinion after this. The case was then put into the hands of Lord Kenyon, who also gave an opinion. I lost; he gained. He could make nothing of it, and was pud for proving as much, at the party's cost. I acknowledged at once that I could make nothing of it, and suffered by proving the wherefore, at my own cost." fore, at my own cost.'

-From the same house we have received 'Mopsa, the Fairy," by Jean Ingelow, Miss Ingelow is scarcely the successor of Miss Browning, as some of her admirers would make her out to be, but she is a poet of rare delicacy and fine perceptions. The "High Tide on the Coast of Lincolnshire" is certainly the finest poem of its class that has been produced for many a day, and some of Miss Ingelow's minor efforts are equally excellent. Independently of her merits as a poet, Miss Ingelow is one of the few authors who understand the very fine art of writing for children. The "Stories told to a Child" are models of their kind, and like all good literature, they cannot fail to have a refining influence. They are simple enough to be understood by those for whom they are especially intended, but the genuine poetical spirit that pervades them makes them fascinating to readers of all ages; and this is the surest test of excel-

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AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.
Estate of JANE HERMANN (known as) JANE REED, The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of GEORGIANA REED, Administratrix of JANE HERMANN (known as) Jane Reed, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment, on TUESDAY, July 6, A. D. 1898, at eleven (11) o'clock A. M., at his office, No. 498 WALNUT Street, in the city of Philadelphia.

6 25 fmwbt\* CHARLES S. BAKER, Auditor.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA
Estate of HENRY FRICKA, deceased.
The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and
adjust the account of EDWARD D. YATES, executor
of the last will and testament of HENRY FRICKA, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the
hands of the accountant, will meet the parties interested,
for the purpose of his appointment, on TUESDAY, July
5, A. D. 1869, at four (4) o'clock P. M., at the office of
HENRY M. PHILIJPS, Esq., No. 128 S. SIXTH Street,
in the city of Philadelphia.

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IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY

AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Estate of GEORGE WILSON, deceased.

The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of EMELINE WILSON, Administratrix of estate of GEORGE WILSON, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment, on WEDNESDAY, July 7, A. D. 1889, at eleven (II) o'clock A. M., at the office of EDWARD SHIPPEN, Esq., No. 532 WALNUT Street, in the city of Philadelphia,

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