REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

LIFE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS, WITH A SECRET HIS-TORY OF THE SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY. BY E. A. Pollard. Issued by subscription by the National Publishing Company.

The title of this work excites expectations which are scarcely fulfilled in the perusal. Not only is Mr. Pollard's information far more limited than he would have us believe, but he is very evidently not the person to write such a work as it ought to be written. His position as a journalist in Richmond undoubtedly gave him opportunities for gaining information on various points that were not enjoyed by every one, but the important mysteries of the Jeff. Davis Government were apparently as earefully hidden from him as from other outsiders. As far as its revelations go, therefore, Mr. Pollard's work is of little value, and the value that it has is seriously diminished by the vindictive strain in which it is written, and by the well-known personal dislike of the author for the subject of his narrative. Throughout the work is breathed an intense admiration for the "lost cause." and an equally intense hatred for Jefferson Davis, upon whose shoulders is laid the whole blame for the failure of the Confederate arms. The apparent fairness of the introductory sketch of Davis only makes the vindictive bitterness of the latter portions more apparent; and yet, on examination, it will be found that the culogistic tone adopted in the early part of the narrative is mainly when comparing Davis with his Northern compeers in Congress. Mr. Pollard's style is that of a fire-eating Southern journalist, and it is consequently distinguished by a good many big words and a good deal of swagger and bounce. The real value of the work is in the fact that it gives us a criticism of the Jeff. Davis Government from a Southern standpoint. It is a contribution to the history of the war yet to be written, and it is worth neither more nor less than the majority of the works that have been hitherto written on the subject of the great struggle.

THE SUBJECTION OF WOMEN. By John Stuart

Mill. Received from D. Ashmead. Mr. Mill is one of the few writers on the subject of women's rights and wrongs who is worth perusing, or who has any ideas on the subject that commend themselves to impartial thinkers of either sex as worthy of consideration. There is no doubt that the women's rights movement is looked upon as a huge burlesque by the majority of women, even more than by men. The absurd and incoherent arguments and vituperations of most of its champions, their illogical and impractical ideas, and their aping of the worst of masculine manners, has not only brought their cause into ridicule, but it has lost them the support of many men who most warmly sympathize with the real disabilities under which women labor. It is certain that women are placed at a disadvantage in many particulars where they ought to be the equals of men: their wages are, as a rule, disgracefully low, and respectable work hard to obtain. In many, if not all of the United States, not to mention England and the rest of Europe, the laws with regard to women, and especially married women, holding property are not equitable, and ought to be reformed. It is certain, however, that the majority of women do not feel their subjection, they do not understand that they are enalayed; and so long as they are obtuse on this point, Anna Dickinson may declaim, Miss Susan Anthony may expostulate, and John Stuart Mill reason without producing any very great effect towards placing men and women on an equality in all the relations of life. The great fault of the work under consideration is that Mr. Mill has allowed himself too often to fall into the loose, vituperative style that is so common when discussing this subject. The work is worth reading. however, as an exposition of the rights of women by the ablest champion of the sex that has taken up arms for them.

-From Turner Brothers & Co. we have received "The Adventures of Philip" and "A Shabby Genteel Story," by W. M. Thackeray. These two stories, bound in one volume, complete the "Household Edition" of Thackeray's works as originally announced by Fields, Osgood & Co. Reading Thackeray is something like eating olives-an acquired taste with a great many persons; and if his popularity has not been as great as that of some of his contemporaries, it is likely to be more lasting. A complete and low-priced edition of his works has long been called for by his admirers, but the call has never been replied to until Fields, Osgood & Co. undertook the publication of this attractive edition, which they announce will now be extended to include all of Thackeray's known writings. "The Shabby Genteel Story" is an unfinished work of 'Thackeray's, and as several of its characters are introduced in "The Adventures of Philip," the publishers have judiciously prefixed it to that novel in the volume before us.

—From J. B. Lippincott & Co. we have received "Norah Brady's Vow" and "Mona the Vestal," by Mrs. Anna H. Dorsey. The first of these is an interesting story of Irish life and character of the present day, and the second is a successful attempt to give a view of the ancient Irish civilization at the time of the introduction of Christianity. The story is itself entertaining, and besides its value as a work of fiction, it is interesting as giving an illustration of the ancient Irish customs,

religious and civil. -From Turner Brothers & Co. we have received "The Hollands," by Virginia F. Townsend. Published by Loring, Boston. This interesting story originally appeared as a serial in Arthur's Home Magazine, where it excited much attention. Those who perused it while going through the pages of the magazine will doubtless be glad to possess it for a second reading in its completed form,

-E. H. Butler & Co. send us "An Ameri- tale of the Magic Pearl.

ean Woman in Europe," by Mrs. S. R. Urbino. This is a lively journal of experiences during a sojourn of two years and a half in Germany, France, and Switzerland. Mrs. Urbino does not tell anything very new about European sights and scenes, but her journal is written in a pleasant vein, and it contains much everyday information that will be appreciated by

the vast majority of travellers. -From Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger we have received a work on "Rhetoric," by Rev. E. O. Haven, D. D., LL, D., President of the University of Michigan. This is a textbook for schools and colleges, which has resulted from the author's own experiences as a teacher. It is intended to give the student perspicacious presentation of the theory of rhetoric, with illustrations and directions how to profit by it. The work appears to be well adapted for the purpose intended.

"Famous London Merchants." by H. R. Fox Bourne, is a series of sketches for boy readers of thirteen famous London merchants, from Richard Whittington to George Pea-

-From T. Ellwood Zell, Nos. 17 and 19 South Sixth street, we have received Nos, 31 and 32 of "Zell's Popular Encyclopedia;" which is brought down to the title "Bee."

-From Jenkins & Atkinson, Wilmington, Del., we have received a copy of the "Wilmington City Directory" for 1869-70,

THE PRINCE AND THE ACTRESS.

A Romantic Tale of Courtship. Paris (July 1) Correspondence Court Journal.

The announcement of the approaching recognition by the Imperial family of Austria of the marriage of Duke Louis of Bavaria with the beautiful M'lle Mendel, the actress, of Augsbourg, has given a new aim to the theatrical ambition of the ladies of the Paris boards. rish about to be made by the Empress Elizaeth to the beautiful castle of Lake Stahnberg, where the newly-married couple reside, has become the talk of every fower d'artisies in Europe. They say in the coulisses here that her Austrian Majesty was the great promoter of the marriage, the story connected with her brother's love and courtship being romantic enough to excite the strongest interest in her kind and womanly heart, and making it forgetful of all distinction of rank where an equal share of love and delieacy had been displayed by both the lovers. Mad'lle Mendel, who had preserved her reputation unsulled amid all the perils and tempta-tions of a theatrical life, is considered as the most lovely woman in Germany, her beauty being of the true German type, of the peculiar fairness beheld in no other country-golden hair in soft silky masses, without the smallest tinge of inburn-pure gold-unburnished; a complexion delicate as the inner petals of the Bengal rose— pale pink, scarcely ever seen in nature and alost impossible to produce by artificial means; lips of the deepest carnation; teeth small and exquisitely white, and eyebrows of the darkest rown, with eyes of the deepest blue. All this made such an impression on the heart of Duke Louis, that from the moment he first beheld her at the Munich Theatre he vowed himself to the worship of this one idol. But Mad'ile Mendel was valiant in defense of her reputation, and aware of the responsibility incurred by the possession of great talent, she resisted every verture, even that of marriage, on the part of the Duke, well knowing that it was out of his power to contract any alliance of the kind, as much was expected of him by his family. that time Mad'lle Mendel was in the habit of wearing a velvet collar with a clasp ornamented by a single pearl of great value, which had been presented to her by the King of Saxony, and in order to quell all hope of success in the bosom of her royal admirer, she declared to him one day that she had made a yow to bestow her heart and hand on him alone who could match this the whole necklace. The declaration was made laughingly, for the fair creature knew well enough the Duke, living fully up to his income, which was but mediocre for his rank, could never accomplish this herculean task, and she laughed more merrily still when she beheld the disconsolate expression of his countenance at the announcement she had made. But soon afterwards she heard that the Duke has sold his horses and broken up his establishment—gone to live in the strictest retirement in a small cot-

tage belonging to his brother's park. That very night, when about to place the vel-vet band upon her neck, she found, to her great surprise, that a second pearl had been added to the clasp. She knew well enough whence it came, and smiled sadly at the loss of labor she felt sure that Dake Louis was incurring for love's sake. By degrees the velvet band became covered with pearls, all of them as fine as the one bestowed by the King of Saxony, until one evening great was the rumor in Augsburg. The fair Mendel had been robbed; while on the stage, divested of all ornament, in the prison scene as "Bettina von Armstedt," her dressing-room had been entered, and the velvet collar with its row of priceless pearls had disappeared from the tollet-table. The event was so terrible, her nerves so shaken, that in spite of the assurance of the Chief Police Magistrate, who happened to be in the theatre at the moment, that he was sure to find the thief in a very short time, for he had the clue already, poor [Mad'lle Mendel was so overcome by grief that her memory failed her entirely, so that on returning to the stage not a word could she remember of her part! The audience waited for some time in astonishment at the silence maintained by the actress; the actress gazed at the audience in piteous embarrassment, until, by a sudden inspiration, and almost mechanically in-deed, she remembered that she had the rehearsal copy of the play in the pocket of her apron. She drew it forth without hesitation, and began to read from it with the greatest self-pos-session imaginable. At first the audience knew not whether to laugh or be angry, but presently memory, pathos, forgetfulness of all but her art had returned to Mad'lle Mendel, and in the utterance of one of the most impas-sioned sentiments of her speech she flung the rehearsal copy into the orchestra, and went on with her part without pause or hesitatios. The applause of the audience was so tremendous that one of the witnesses to the scene has told us that the great monster chandeller in the centre of the roof swung to and fro with the vibra-But on her return to her dressing-room the excitement proved too much, and she fainted away. On coming back to consciousness it was to find. Duke Louis at her feet, and the head commissaire standing by her side, bidding her take courage, for the pearls had been found. "Where are they?" exclaimed she. "Are you sure that none are missing? Have none been stolen?" Duke Louis then clasped round her neek the string of pearls, complete at last, no longer sewn on to the velvet band, but strong with symmetry and fastened with a diamond elasp. What more could be done by the devoted lover? He had spared neither pains nor sacrifice to attain his end, and Mad'lle Mendel consented to become his wife. The Empress of Austria appears to have been much moved by the story, and suggested the nomination of the bride elect to the title of Baroness de Wallersee, which thus equalized the rank of the flances, and enabled them to marry without difficulty. They live the most retired life possible in their little chateau on Lake Stahnberg, where the Empress of Austria is about to visit them. They that the Duchess Louis of Bavaria never

puts off night or day the necklace of pearls, the

clasp of which she has had riveted to her neck,

is known all through the country round by the name of the Fairy Perlina, from the old German

and that in consequence of this peculiarity sh

The Months of the Mississippi. INSPECTION OF THE BALLEE-DREDGING OF THE

SANDBARS. The Chamber of Commerce of New Orleans recently sent a deputation to the Balize to see which one of the passes could best serve the uses of commerce. The following account of the affair is taken from the New Orleans

"The vexed question as to which of the passes into which the river separates at its mouth has the deepest water, is one about which the commercial public of this city has been for some time Southwest Pass, as every one knows, is the channel that has been, for many years past, used by pilots and tow-boat companies, and for which their preference is still strongly shown. On the other hand, Pass-a-l'Outre, a being forty miles shorter for the main highway of ommerce, and as affording still greater advantage in the way of easterly winds, was the one selected by the United States Government for improvement. To clear out this pass and deepen it from twelve to eighteen feet has been the work of the Essayonus for some months past, and the prosecution of this work it was tended had been successful. It was to verify these statements, and ascertain whether the water was really deepened or had been merely rendered so momentarily by wind and tide, or by difference of measurement, that the deputa-

"To assist them in settling this question, Collector Casey on Wednesday tendered to these bodies and representatives of the press the use of the revenue enter Wilderness, to examine into the matter themselves.

"The Wilderness, having east off from the wharf at 9:30 o'clock on Thursday morning, glided down the river, stopping momentarily at quarantine and at the fort upon the western "On arriving at the Southwest Pass soundings

"These soundings showed fourteen feet for their shoalest depth, two throws for fifteen, one or 15%, and so on. This much having been ascertained, and a glimpse of the waste of wa-ters outside of the bar having been taken, Capain Freeman cast anchor.

"At 516 o'clock next morning the soundings of the night previous were repeated, and proved to substantially the same as when first taken. The shoalest water found was twelve feet, but this, as it was contended and shown, was not in the channel of the river. The soundings of the morning altogether were considered no test, as the Wildnerness hugged very closely the shore at the time they were made

"The cutter now passed out six miles beyond land, until the muddy current appeared as a thin stratum upon the waters of the Gulf, until the deep green of the latter could be seen through the yellow stratum above.

Steaming on in this way, the distant observatory was seen, which marked what was once Balize, and what was the most flourishing town that ever sprung up about the mouth of the river. Balize dated its settlement from the discovery of the mouth of the river by the Spa-hiards, and its first inhabitants doubtless dreamed that it was destined to become the great city of the Mississippi Valley. The houses were built on piles. The place was surrounded by a levee, with a street planted with trees, with an esplanade a mile long, and had its church, school-house, hotel, Salariel teacher and physician. The pilots were prosperous, and many of them owned slaves. The houses were well constructed, and the place, for its sea breezes and bathing, was no inconsiderable resort in summer. What caused its destruction was a change in the depth of Northeast Pass, which event occurred a little before the war. entrance to the river commenced to grow more and more shoal with each year, until at the present time, as was ascertained a week ago by ctual experiment, there is not a depth of eight

"Commerce having no longer any use fo Northeast Pass, and preferring the Southeast Pass, the pilots, of course, had to go where they could find employment. The town soon became completely abandoned. At the present time there is not a single one of its former inhabitants remaining. The hotel, two or three stories high, a large sail loft, and the observatory are left standing, but beyond this there is not a single vestige of the beautiful town that formerly existed there. Even the levees which surrounded the place have been washed away and have disappeared, and what was almost a city, as now seen, differs but little from the marsh upon which the buildings had been con

structed. The first attempt to deepen the passes was made in 1838 by Captain Talcott, who then obtained an appropriation of \$30,000 for this purpose, and whose failure at Northeast Pass resulted in the ruin to the Balize as above de scribed. The plan then adopted was that of scooping up the mud at the bottom of the river the dredge-boat was filled, and of then dumping the mud outside of the channel. hardly need be said that this attempt proved an absolute failure. The contract was next taken hold of by Craig & Co., and by Stark & Co. who, with an appropriation of \$300,000, agreed to secure a channel twenty feet deep and three hundred feet wide. This plan was to drive piling upon either side of what was destined to be the channel, and through the jettles thus made to force the current They actually proceeded so far in this plan as to drive a mile of piles. The at-tempt was again abandoned, in consequence of the fact that the first storm loosened the piles and they were floated away. This was in 1856. In 1858 the towboat company sub-contracted for the work, and succeeded so far as to make for a year a channel of a depth of nearly eighteen feet. This was the most successful attempt ever hitherto made. Their plan was to drag an im-mense barrow up and down the bar, and in this way, and with the use of a scraper, to loosen the clods or mud lumps. In 1867 the contract was taken hold of by Mr. Wiggins, who accomplished nothing, not even the drawing of \$75,000. Essayons was now built at the Atlantic Works at Boston, at a cost of \$223,000, under the approof \$75,000, \$250,000, and since last eptember has been at work at the Pass a l'Outre

"When the Essayons began work in February (for so many accidents occurred previously that nothing up to that mouth was accomplished). the crest of the bar was then fourteen feet below the water. The bar, which slopes down to a depth of eighteen feet below the water upon either side, extends a mile and a quarter ength; and, as the channel is to be two hundred and fifty feet wide, the amount of the work since accomplished may be readily arrived at when to these data it is added that on the 18th June there was at the shoalest depth seventeen feet and eight inches of water.

"In March the Essayons broke a screw, and had to leave to go to the city to repair her screw. The bar was fifteen feet when she left; when she returned a month after, the depth had decreased foot and a half. This fact shows that to keep the channel open the work must be constantly

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CHARLES EYRE, Attorney for widow,
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annexed bill, entitled
"An Ordinance to Authorize a Loan for the
ment of Ground Rents and Mortgages," is he
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A N ORDINANCE
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Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of
City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Mayo
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row at not less than near on the credit of the row, at not less than par, on the credit of the from time to time, seven hundred thousand do for the payment of ground rents and mortgages against the city, for which interest not to exceed rate of six per cent, per annum shall be reger yearly, on the first days of January and July, a office of the City Treasurer. The principal of loan shall be payable and paid at the expiration thirty years from the date of the same, and not fore, without the consent of the holders thereof. e certificates therefor, in the usual form of th licates of city loan, shall be issued in such an as the lenders may require, but not for any fract part of one hundred dollars, or, if require amounts of five hundred or one thousand do and it shall be expressed in said certificates the loan therein mentioned and the interest thereof

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Section 2. Whenever any loan shall be made virtue thereof; there shall be, by force of this o nance, annually appropriated out of the income the corporate estates, and from the sum raised taxation, a sum sufficient to pay the interest or certificates, and the further sum of three-tenth one per centum on the par value of such certificates is issued shall be appropriated quarterly out of moome and taxes to a sinking finad, which for and its accumulations are hereby especially pled for the redemption and payment of said certestes.

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