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LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS. -The following new publications have

been received from Porter & Coates:-"Essays Written in the Intervals of Business, etc.," by Arthur Helps, published by Roberts Brothers, is a volume of short papers on various subjects, which, to our fancy, are more attractive than the longer and more elaborate performances that have proceeded from the same pen. Somewhat more than half the book is made up of a thoughtful essay on "Organization in Daily Life," and the rest of short papers under the following tit'es:-"On Practical Wisdom," "Aids to Contentment," . "On Self-discipline," "On our Judgment of Other Men," "On the Exercise of Benevolence," "Domestic Rule," "Advice," "Secrecy," "On the Education of a Man of Business," "On the Transaction of Business," "On the Choice and Management of Agents," "On the Treatment of Suitors," "Interviews," "Of Councils, Commissions, and, in general, of Bodies of Men called together to Counsel and Direct," and "Party Spirit." Mr. Helps is a devout admirer of Bacon, and he has managed to produce a curious imitation in these essays of the style of his master. Both in manner and matter the essays of Mr. Helps are modelled upon those of Bacon, but, like all imitations, they are inferior to their great originals. Mr. Helps is very far from being a Bacon, but his essays are nevertheless readable, and they contain m 1ch acute observation and practical wisdom that will commend them to thoughtful readers.

"Ten Times One is Ten," by Colonel Frederic Ingham, published by Roberts Brothers, is one of the later productions of a writer who obtained a rather factitious reputation on the strength of a single story that circumstances rather than its own intrinsic merits made successful. The Rev. Edward E. Hale, otherwise "Colonel Frederic Ingham," wrote the "Man without a Country" at a time when it could scarcely fail to make a hit, but he has produced nothing since that is equally worthy of the public attention, and his stories are labored, tedious, and often insufferably stupid. "Ten Times One is Ten" is a ntopian scheme for regenerating the world by the year 1882, and although the idea upon which it is based is somewhat quaint and original, neither the good purpose which the writer has in view nor the merits of the story itself make it very entertaining reading. This is not by any means the dullest of Mr. Hale's recent performances, but it is far from being the liveliest book we have ever had the pleasure of perusing.

"John Whopper, Newsboy," also published by Roberts Brothers, originally appeared in Old and New, and although the author's name is not given, it bears unmistakably the impress of Mr. Hale's style, and is more entertaining than most of his productions, because it is shorter. In this instance at least brevity is the soul of wit, and there may be readers who will derive entertainment from the secount of "John Whopper's" wonderful airline journey to China and what he saw there. -From J. B. Lippincott & Co. we have received the following new books: -

"Episodes and Lyric Pieces," by Robert Kelley Weeks, published by Leypoldt & Holt, is a series of verses by a student of poetry rather than a poet. Mr. Weeks has evidently studied Tennyson, William Morris, Swinburne, and Browning until he, unconsciously perhaps, is able to imitate their very different styles with considerable exactness. How far a mere imitator falls below a real poet is shown in the very first piece in the present volume, where, under the title of "The Return of Paris," Mr. Weeks treats the same theme as did William Morris in his "Death of Paris," which was the opening story of the last published volume of "The Earthly Paradise." Mr. Weeks' poem is not without merit, but along side of that of Mr. Morris it is palpably deficient in all the higher poetical qualities. Mr. Weeks is a graceful verse-writer, and there is nothing in the volume before us that is not melodious or that does not show a refined poetical sentiment, but the best of the pieces lack the one thing necessary to raise them above the level of respectable mediocrity-inspiration.

"The Summer in a Garden," by Charles Dudley Warner, is a collection of very charming papers that originally appeared in the columns of a New England rural paper of which the author is editor. They are quaint descriptions of rambles in and about a little garden, where the plants have established friendly and almost human relations with their possessor, and are written with such a fresh and hearty appreciation of the good things to be found even within the smallest plo; of ground by the earnest student of nature, that the reader cannot avoid sharing in the enthusiasm of the writer. This is decidedly one of the pleasantest books of its class that we have met with for a long time, and it will repay more than one perusal even from a busy

-From J. P. Skelly & Co. we have received "Flossy Lee at the Mountains," by Faith Wynne, an interesting religious story for young children suitable for Sanday-school libraries.

-The December number of Peters' Musica! Monthly has an excellent series of popular instrumental and vocal music, both sacred and secular.

-The American Exchange and Review for December presents an interesting series of well-written articles on general subjects, and a great amount of statistical and other information about finance, money and metallurgy, insurance, railways and transportation, manufactures, patents, trade, commerce, art, and other kindred subjects.

-Turner & Co. send us Every Saturday, Appleton's Journal, and Our Boys and Girls. -From the Central News Company we have received the St. James Magazine, and the latest numbers of Punch and Fun.

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