NEW PUBLICATIONS.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE continues to descend on us in a perfect snow-storm—through which, we suppose, it is the reviewer's province to go shaking. One or two of the more attractive-looking among the *brochures* which litter our table are new ventures, for which we indeed find but little need for charitable indulgence, but which still claim those graces of courtesy and consideration with which one welcomes the newly-arrived.

The comfortable, snap-looking *Hearth and Home*, maintained by the joint housekeeping powers of Mr. Stowe and Mr. Marvel, is evidently destined to a long prosperity. It is large, handsome weekly, the first page decorated with a good lively drawing, by Thomas Nast, of little folks and Kris Kringle. Mrs. Stowe contributes a rather forti-coming novel, such a racy account of "Thanksgiving at Old Town," that readers in mysteriously resembling apples and cranberries. Donald Mitchell, her collaborator, makes a pleasant inaugural address, "Our Meeting and our Hopes," and tells how to arrange the "Lay-out of a Suburban Place." The other articles, all of which, with the illustrations, have been prepared expressly for *Hearth and Home*, are as follows: Santa Claus, by Mary E. Dodge; Lions at Hill Pastures, by Professor S. W. Johnson, Yale College; A Farmer's Thinking and his Time for it, by Oliver Wendell Holmes; Batter vs. Beef and Wool, by H. A. Shelton; How to Keep Farmers' Boys at Home, by Levi Stockbridge, of Massachusetts Agricultural College; A great Bull, by S. S. Wells; The Carpenters' Bird, illustrated, by James Hogg; Warren Leland's Poultry-Raising, illustrated, by J. B. Crandell; General Grant Driving Dexter, illustrated; Horticultural Hints, for January, by James Roger; Mechanics of Agriculture, by J. R. L.; Our Hopper; History of the Times—Home and Foreign News; Heads of Wheat, Books Received, Market Reports, &c. &c. Greeting, by Harriet Beecher Stowe; The Old World Sparrow, (a poem), by Wm. Cullen Bryant; Preaching; Other Men's Sermons, by J. P. Thompson, D.D.; In the Ice, by J. T. Trowbridge; Hydraulic Power, by Dr. J. V. C. Smith; Mrs. Hawthorne's Diary, by Laura E. Richards; Christmas Gifts; Bob; His Life and Death, by Grace Greenwood; Burial of the Bird, (illustrated); Elizabeth Barret Browning; by Mademe Le Vert; Reynard's School, (illustrated), by Mary E. Dodge. We have to add our cordial hopes for this honest-faced weekly, in which we expect to find the charm of Mrs. Stowe's "Chimney Corner" papers, the good sense and wisdom of that scholarly yeoman, Donald G. Mitchell. *Hearth and Home* is published on 3, 5 Spruce Street, by Newspaper Advertising Agency, 37 Park Row, New York.

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THE AMERICAN GUARDIAN.—This paper, which has been heretofore published monthly, is to be issued hereafter weekly. The first number for January comes to us in new type and looks well. A serial story is the opening article. It is from the pen of Mrs. Denison. The paper is devoted to the cause of temperance, is a sixteen page, large octavo, and is published, at $2 a year, by George S. Ferguson & Co., 76 North Sixth street.

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The Schoolday Visitor we have often commended as a readable and veracious magazine for the young. The feature of the January number is a picture of wonderful beauty, "Christ Blessing Little Children," by Professor Schell, of Philadelphia artists, Schell and Bensell. The articles they illustrate seem to be equally attractive, and, as ever—Adams, 424 Walnut street.

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The Indian War.

SR. LOUIS, DEC. 18.—Letters from General Sheridan, dated at the depot at the North Canadian river, November 27, received at General Sherman's headquarters to-day, give information derived from Black Kettle's sister, by General Sheridan, in substance as follows:

The Indians were encamped on the 1st—Black Kettle and other chiefs of Cheyennes and a small party of Sioux, in all thirty-seven lodges. Eight miles down the Washita were all the Arapahoes and seventy additional lodges of Cheyennes and also Kiowas, Apaches and Camanches. While thus encamped a war party was sent out, composed of Cheyennes, Kiowas and Arrapahoes, who went north in the direction of Fort Larned and was still out. Another party, composed of Cheyennes and Arrapahoes, had returned, the trail of which led General Custer into Black Kettle's village. This party brought back three scalps, one of which was that of the expressman killed and horribly mutilated between Fort Dodge and Larned, and before Sheridan left the former fort. The mail was carrying was found in Black Kettle's camp.

Another mixed party went out about the time the first of these parties started. One scalp and one sun-dried fresh each hand went to Fort Cobb and brought back the production given them at that fort; and while they were gone, or about the time of their return, the last war party referred to was sent out. The women are of the opinion that they will all go for peace at Fort Cobb, as the result of the battle with Custer. They would have gone to Sheridan's camp had not the opening at Fort Cobb been held out to them. Gen. Sheridan says, "I shall start for Fort Scott as soon as the trains from Fort Dodge arrive. This is not from the misfortune of the Kansas regiment getting lost, and a severe snow-storm which rendered their move impossible for duty, we would have closed up the job before this time. As it is, I think the fight is pretty well knocked out of the Cheyennes

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THE Sheriff of Coshocton county, Ohio, has succeeded with $20,000 of the county funds.

THE Bank of Candor, Tioga county, N. Y., was robbed of $14,000 on Saturday night.

HEZEKIAH S. COX, a jewelry store at Northboro', Mass., was robbed of $1,000 worth of valuables on Friday night.

I. F. GOODS shot himself dead in Nashville on Friday night. It is supposed his wife's jealousy drove him to suicide.

SARAH BURN, an old Irishwoman, whose husband left her in Nashville, on Saturday, hanged herself in her cellar, and was found dead of starvation in her bed at Nashville, on Saturday.

THE Senate committee will go to Arkansas to investigate the election frauds in New York, has arrived, and will commence its session to-morrow.

THE State Senate of South Carolina on Saturday revoked the sentence of Senator Leslie, of Hartwell county, and re-admitted him to his seat.

The hull of the United States has been towed to Cincinnati. Two more bodies have been recovered, one being that of Mrs. Ella Jones, and the other supposed to be that of Mrs. Brooks.

A MEETING was held at Halifax on Friday night, which organized a Anti-Corporation League, and unrolled for the formation of associate Leagues throughout New-Scotia.

THE contract for constructing an iron bridge across the Mississippi, at Keokuk, Iowa, has been awarded to the Keystone Bridge Company, of Pittsburgh, for $1,000,000.

THE total of the appropriations made during the second session of the Fortieth Congress is $60,551,565, of which $27,092,000 was for the army; $17,856,370 for the navy, and $30,359,000 for pensions.

THE relations of a number of the martyrs of the Revolution, who died in the prison-ship at Brooklyn, were yesterday, in Brooklyn, presented by a grandson of the navy yard in Brooklyn, and a resolution was made for their reinterment.

THE Empire and Hill's blocks, in Albion, N. Y., were burned on Saturday. Loss about $35,000. A dwelling and three barns, at Thompsonville, Conn., were destroyed by incendiary fire on Friday night.

THE town of Lewisburg, Arkansas, was entered by a marauding band of 50 men, on Saturday. The militiaman turned two stores, and during the night a portion of the band of robbers threw into the flames. The militia still occupy the town, the robbers having left on Saturday.

JAMES GIBSON, a merchant, was shot by a negro named Jackson, in Charleston, S. C., on Friday night, before the Mayor at Charleston, S. C. Gibson then attempted to get out of the room, when Jackson followed and shot him down, killing him instantly. The negroes are in jail.

THE troubles of the Peruvian war steamer at New York have not yet ended. Yesterday she endeared the revenue cutter Wilderness to interfere with her, and the Peruvian Consul applied to the Custom House. The Peruvian monitors are still in the Mississippi river.

41st Congress—Third Session.

CLOSE OF SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.—The bill requiring the reassembling of the Southern Constitutional Conventions, within thirty days from the passage, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pomeroy offered a resolution asking the Judiciary Committee to report a bill for a representation of the Southern States in Congress, in accordance with section 2 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

Mr. Sprague offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing the Committee on Commerce to inquire into the expediency of allowing the importation free of duty of materials which may be again exported after receiving the American trademark.

Mr. Chandler moved to take up the House bill fixing the duty on copper ore.

Mr. Whyte hoped it would not be taken up, because it was a matter which had not been fully which he in part represented, regarded it as a piece of class legislation, designed to benefit one class of the community, and desired to have their objections to it presented. He had been informed that the bill was a Pennsylvania measure, and had the bill in charge that it would not come before the Senate for consideration, and hoped it would not be taken up.

Mr. Howe said he did not think, if passed, the bill would give any real protection to the copper interest.

Mr. Chandler was anxious to have the bill taken up, feeling confident that it could be passed without debate, and that if it was not acted on at once, orders would go to Europe by telegraph for large quantities of foreign copper, which would come in at a low rate of duty, and glut the market.

Mr. Sherman was in favor of the bill, but opposed to taking it up now, because he, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, was informed in saying that it would not be acted upon before the holidays, and the business of the Senate was limited to-day.

Mr. Howe read a letter from a gentleman in Connecticut, a former President of the Detroit and Lake Superior Copper Company, stating that the bill, though presented ostensibly in the interest of the Lake Superior mining region, was really designed for the benefit of speculators in copper and the smelting interest, and that the effect of it would be to destroy the business of smelting from our ores, and to transfer the necessity of smelting foreign carbonates to the smelting of native ore.

Mr. Howe, in reply, read a letter from a Tennessee copper smelter, saying that the bill was an attempt to tax the people for the benefit of the copper interest.

Mr. Ferry said the Committee he had read referred to the Tennessee establishment as one where the smelters had to be had in grist.

After some further discussion, the motion to take up the bill was lost—yeas 19, nays 20, not 25 nays.

Home bill to extend the benefit of the homestead act to the orphan children under twenty-one years of age, passed. It has been sent back to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill to provide for the decorations of Mr. Gilbert, Senator elect from Florida, which were laid on the table. Adjourned.

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