

THE CREAM OF THE NEW BOOKS.
We refer again to the delightful Letters of Mary Russell Mitford, passed together into a "Life" by Mrs. A. G. L'Estrange, and just issued by Bentley, London.

to her large dimensions. Girded by nature in many ways, she is not to be wondered at that her person was not one of those gifts, and that from a child Miss Mitford was fit. The whole passage is a pretty expression of her feelings.

As one of the earliest of Miss Mitford's friends, I was prompted to give the story of her life, not only to her admirers, but to her friends, but from feeling that such an example of self-sacrifice to filial duty as her life affords need not to be left without a record.

THE GEORGE MITFORD.
The George Mitford whom Miss Russell married was the younger son of a younger brother of Mitford of Carlton in Northumberland. He had been the son of John Hunter, and after graduating at Edinburgh, had settled himself at Alnwick to try his chance of obtaining practice as a physician.

But it is difficult to divine what would have induced Miss Russell to give up her own address—unless we suppose her to have been won by his extraordinary talents. That, in any manhood, must have been very great indeed; for although in middle life his genius has the rays of Apollo, and his genius is not to be denied, it is not to be denied that he was not a man of ordinary talents.

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