NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Those who would like to study out a problem of Irish character—and Irish character treated, not at all in the Irish manner, which gilds and enhances and glorifies everything, but in the best realistic manner, with every detail set down like an algebraic statement—cannot do better than take Anthony Trollope's "Macdermots of Ballycloran," and read it from beginning to end. It is the first work of the author, having been written in Ireland in 1847, when Mr. Trollope had a position as surveyor for the General Post Office. Its publication first called attention to Mr. Trollope's ability, which, of a literal, minute and prosaic cast, was recognized as revealing more of life and spirit than the works of more inflated writers. "The Macdermots of Ballycloran," shows an accurate observation of Celtic peculiarities such as had not, at the time it was written, been imported into any Irish novel; of course it closes with a court-scene, and of course, the court-scene is a bit of perfection. We hope Messrs. T. B. Peterson & Brothers, the publishers, will make haste with the good work of reviving public interest in the early and half-forgotten achievements of the popular novelist, who wrote "The Small House at Allington."

Messrs. Peterson & Bros. have now completed, in twelve volumes, their green and gold edition of the works of Mrs. Caroline Lee Hentz, one of our first Southern writers who succeeded in winning general favor in the Northern States. The last volume is named, from the first tale, "The Banished Son, and other Stories of the Heart." For a large class of readers there is no more attractive set of volumes now before the American public; for these works of Mrs. Caroline Lee Hentz; they combine some of the very best elements of interest in an unusual degree. They are national, domestic and original. They are handsomely printed and bound, and the set will prove an ornament to any book-shelf, library or centre-table. The volumes are for sale by all booksellers; copies of any or all of them will be sent, post-paid, to any one, to any place, on receipt of price of the ones wanted, by the publishers, T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia.

Several striking books have just been published by Carleton, New York.—The most curious, scientifically, is a translation of "La Bible dans l' Inde," or, "The Bible in India," by Louis Jacollet; this is a statement of free opinion, the argument of a *dilettante* who believes that in India, and at a fountain-head, can be found the bible story of Genesis, the prophecies, the symbols of Egypt, the mysteries of Eleusis, and the teachings of Zim whom he calls "the philosopher of Bethlehem." Another work by the same author, "The Son of God," has been translated and is in press by Mr. Carleton.—"Our Saturday Nights," by the well-known Democratic editor, Mr. Forney, is a collection of little sentimental sketches in which it is hard to recognize the truculent pen of the Press. It is illustrated by thirty of Harry Stephens's spirited sketches, reproduced by one of the modern autographic processes, and very artistic and original.—"Hammer and Rapier" is a story of the American Rebellion, by that weathercock, John Esten Cooke, sure of a popular.—"Helen Gardner's Wedding-Day, or, Colonel Floyd's Wards," is a new novel of American society, by Marion Harland, author of "Alone" and "Nemesis."—The "Story of a Honeymoon," by two London *litterateurs*, Charles H. Ross and Ambrose Clarke, is a fresh little Cupid book, flashing here and there over the lesser miseries of matrimony and inexperienced housekeeping. There is plenty of pungent satire and humor in it; and a quantity of dashing wood-cuts,—slight though, and very expressive,—add to the success of the spoils.—The above publications are for sale by T. B. Peterson & Bros. and Turner & Co.

Putnam & Son's beautiful Knickerbocker edition of Irving is now completed by the final volume of Pierre M. Irving's biography of his uncle, revised, and condensed into the present issue. "The Life and Letters of Washington Irving." In three volumes uniform with the Sketch-Book, Life of Washington, &c., forms an appropriate supplement to the works of an industrious lifetime. America is proud both of the Literature and the Life—both of the works and the man; so it was a good thought to bind up the biography of the author of the writings. This elegant set is printed in the best style of the Riverside press, on toned paper with liberal margins, is profusely illustrated with steel plates and bound in imitation Turkey with gilt top; Irving's escutcheon on the back and autograph on the side serve to decorate each volume.—Philadelphia agent, Mr. J. K. Simon, 29 South Sixth street.

The first of a new issue of Grace Aguilar's works, "Home Influence," is sent us by D. Appleton & Co. A follower of the Edgeworth school of fiction, Grace Aguilar has far greater command of the chords of pathos and emotion than her mistress. "Home Influence" is certainly her masterpiece; the troubles and innocent sorrows of the sweet young heroine, under misunderstanding and persecution from those who love her best, are told with a relief of one affected power. Miss Aguilar's works will be complete in seven volumes—a short series, indicating her early death at thirty-one—the last to be her poem of "Israel," a tribute to her people, in which the interesting young Jewess poured out the filling treasures of her patriotic spirit. The edition is printed with extreme neatness, with new American illustrations; bound in cloth in a plain and stylish library pattern, and sold at a dollar the volume.

Rev. Henry Cowles, of Oberlin, Ohio, is the author of "Notes on the Writings of Solomon, including the Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Canticles, published by Appleton & Co. The present volume is addressed "to all people and people, and is written from an interesting and humanized point of view, evolving the aim of the Books from the known circumstances of the author, evidently the first "man of the world" of his age and nation.

Littell's Living Age, No. 1350, for the week ending April 16th, contains Antagonism of Race and Color, from *Blackwood's Edinburgh Time*, Part VI, from *Cornhill*; The Parson of the Old Novelists, from *The Saturday Review*; Mathematicians under a Cloud, from *The Saturday Review*; American Annexation, from the *Pall Mall Gazette*; The United States Credit, from the same; Popular Science, from *Tinsley's Magazine*; National Antipathies, from the *Cornhill*; and many short articles in prose and poetry; twenty-eight extracts in all.

AMUSEMENTS.

—At the Chestnut Street Theatre *The Field of the Cloth of Gold* will be repeated by Mrs. Quinn's Burlesque Company. A this evening and a matinee performance will be given tomorrow.

—At the Walnut Street Theatre, this evening, Boucicault's comedy, *London Assurance* will be produced. On Monday evening next, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams will begin an engagement. Matinee to-morrow.

—At Fox's American Theatre, to-night, a miscellaneous performance will be given. On to-morrow an entire new bill will be presented.

—At the Eleventh Street Opera House, to-night, Messrs. Carncross & Dixey's talented troupe will give a first-class performance.

—At the Seventh Street Opera House, this evening, a first-class minstrel performance will be given.

—*The Pilgrim* will be exhibited at Concert Hall this evening, and to-morrow afternoon.

—The proprietor of the Pilgrim panorama, now on exhibition at Concert Hall, will give a benefit on Monday next, to the Newsboys' Home. It is hoped that the house will be crowded.

—Signor Blitz, Jr., will give an exhibition of magic and legerdemain, at the Assembly Buildings, this evening and to-morrow afternoon.

—Signor Brignoli announces a season of Italian Opera. The season will begin on Thursday next, at the Academy of Music, with *Il Trovatore*. The following operas are promised: *Il Trovatore, Lucia de Lammermoor, Ione Poliuto, Martha, The Barber of Seville, and Lucrezia Borgia*. The sale of seats will begin at Trumpler's, 1102 Chestnut street, on Monday next.

CITY BULLETIN.

—City Councils held a stated meeting yesterday afternoon.

Select Branch received the resolution of the Board of Health, declaring South Broad street a nuisance. A communication was received from the Beneficial Building Association, asking that a street laid in Allegheny street, near Bedford. It was stated, in this connection, by Mr. Freeman, that this Association had been organized for the purpose of purchasing all the property on Bedford street, from Fifth to Sixth street, with a view to the construction of the substitute of respectable tenement houses for the dwellings now on the street. They have secured 155 feet, and in furtherance of their project they ask the enlargement in order to provide for the drainage of the buildings to be erected. Referred to the Committee on Sewers. A resolution for the paving of South Broad street was adopted. The resolution from Common Council relative to advertising for proposals for the erection of a House of Correction was concurred in, with an amendment. Several resolutions from Common Council were concurred in.

Common Branch passed a resolution directing the Commissioner of Highways to notify the contractors for the macadamizing of Ridge avenue, from Columbia avenue to Germantown avenue, to proceed with their work, and to do it promptly complied with, or annul the contract. A resolution for the opening of Germantown street from Broad to Tulpehocken street, was referred to Highway Committee. The ordinance appropriating $25,000 for the erection of a Station House in the Fifth District was passed. Mr. Hardcastle, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented resolutions entering satisfaction on the official bond of Chas. S. Smith, Superintendent of the Spring Estate, and returning him a vote of thanks. Mr. Hardcastle said he had been said that the resolution instructing the City Solicitor to commence proceedings to test the constitutionality of the Delaware Tax bill, as the request of that officer and the directors of the Finance Committee, would be withheld for the present. The City Solicitor being in doubt as to the right of the city to institute a suit. In answer to the statement of Mr. Connell, that the Legislature proved that what the Select Council had done some weeks ago was false, he stated that he had, by letter, requested the Legislative committee to which this bill was referred to call him and others for consultation, but that he had not heard from them. He reasserted his belief that the Legislature had proven