

finues his luminous Lectures on Electricity, and the Rev. Arthur Rigg has a paper of remarkable interest on Hammers and Percussion. Mr. Romanes, in an article on Conscience, makes the somewhat sweeping assertion that at the present day the general theory of evolution is accepted by all save the ignorant or prejudiced. To this classification, however, we can cheerfully submit in such good company as that of Dr. Dawson and Dr. M'Cosh. His remarks on animal conscience and animal depravity are ingenious, but to our minds utterly inconclusive. The recent advances of Telegraphy are shown by Mr. Riordan to be marvellous. Seven thousand words, equal to seventeen pages of this Magazine, have been transmitted and *printed in one minute* by the automatic machine. Eight messages can now be sent over a single wire at the same time, and the number will probably be indefinitely increased. The life story of Caroline Herschell, as recorded by Mrs. Youmans, is one of remarkable and pathetic interest. Her long life of nearly a century was one continued sacrifice to filial affection and science. Yet it was not a happy life. It teaches that

Nor man nor Nature satisfy
Whom only God created.

The New York Commissioner on the awards of the Centennial Exhibition announces the principles to

be adopted. No medals will be given, but a hundred American and a hundred foreign judges of eminence will give, over their names, written awards, with the reasons therefor, which will be more satisfactory to exhibitors and the public than medals for which some exhibitors would gladly give \$1,000,000. Several of the above mentioned articles are well illustrated.

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NOTES ON LITERATURE, &c., &c.

—The death is announced from Amsterdam of Dr. Heye, the most popular poet of Holland.

—Mr. Edwin Wallace, Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, is the author of the article on the "Philosophy of Pessimism," in the current number of the *Westminster Review*.

—Mr. Alfred Austin's long promised work, "The Human Tragedy," is in the press, and will be published shortly. It is one continuous narrative poem, consisting of four cantos or acts. The action opens in England in June, 1857, and closes in May, 1871, with the fall of the Commune.