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"Twenty-five Letters on English Authors," by Mary Fisher, will soon be published by S. C. Griggs & Co. The work treats of those eminent writers who for more than five hundred years have most influenced the thought of the world.

T. Y. Crowell & Co. will publish in their Library of Economics and Politics "The Insurance of Working Men Against Accidents, Sickness and Old Age," by Dr. W. F. Willoughby, of the Department of Labour; and a treatise on psychology, by Prof. Bascom.

Anthony Hope (author of "The Prisoner of Zenda"), who begins a two-part story in the Scribner's Fiction Number, furnishes a most amusing comedy under the title "The Wheel of Love," which narrates the sentimental adventures of two pairs of lovers working at cross purposes.

According to *The British Printer*, the Kelmscott edition of Chaucer, of which only 425 copies were printed on paper and seven on vellum, has been exhausted, bringing about \$47,000 in all. No wonder that William Morris's socialism is of a contemplative and pacific quality!—*The Critic*.

John Murray will publish, this fall, Gibbon's journals, correspondence and autobiographies, the manuscripts of which have been in the possession of Lord Sheffield, who will write the preface. The journals were written in French, and the letters addressed to members of his family. Gibbon wrote seven autobiographies, each on different lines.

T. C. & E. C. Jack, of Edinburgh, the publishers of the Centenary Edition of the Poems of Robert Burns, now in course of preparation under the editorship of W. E. Henley and T. F. Henderson, request all owners of original MSS. to communicate with them for purposes of comparison and collation as it is the editors' aim to present as pure a text as can be obtained. The edition will be completed in four volumes.

A. S. Barnes & Co. have in preparation a volume on "The Signers of the Declaration," by H. Dwight, with fac-similes of their signatures, and a copy of the Declaration and Constitution. They announce, further, an edition, in four volumes, of the works of the Rev. Dr. John Hall; a volume on "The English Versions of the Bible," by the Rev. Dr. Blackford Condit; a new edition of their "Popular History of the United States" brought down to 1895; and an abridged edition of Alison's "History of Europe."

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