

sical Philosophy, itself, the more so, as the chair is a new one, and the students are both young in years and comparatively unacquainted with the nature of the studies upon which they are invited to enter. While the omission to which we refer is noticeable we have been pleased to learn from other sources that Professor Jardine does not confine his prolections to the history or problems of Metaphysics but that the proper preliminary studies are taught in the class. They are, it is hardly necessary to say, quite indispensable. They are not only useful as a means of mental training but are, in themselves, an end. The students who frequented Sir William Hamilton's class-room, were accustomed to look on the motto "on

earth there is nothing great but man: in man there is nothing great but mind." It is with this great and noble study, that the ingenuous youth who repair to the class-room of our Professor of Logic and Metaphysics should begin their course; thence they pass onwards and upwards to the highest themes which can engage the minds of men, grappling with the problems which have, in all ages, exercised the minds of the master spirits of our race. We rejoice that such a chair as that of Logic and Metaphysics has been added to the curriculum of the University, and we shall watch the influence which it may exercise upon the youth of our country with the greatest interest.

LITERARY NOTICES.

MAGAZINES, JUVENILES and PAMPHLETS.

Messrs. J. & A. McMillan, Saint John, have laid on our table the CHILDREN'S FRIEND. It is full of illustrations and reading for that singular class of human beings—the juveniles.—PICTURE BOOK OF NATURAL HISTORY will, no doubt, be received with favor by the "little folks" at this season of the year. Both of the above books are neatly got up. McMILLAN'S ALMANAC for 1868 is well printed and useful for reference. We have assigned to it place on our office desk.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY offers a brilliant programme for 1868. Chas. Dickens will contribute a story, entitled "George Silverman's Explanation;" Dr. Hayes, the Arctic Voyager, James Parton, the historian, Dr. Holmes, Bayard Taylor, E. P. Whipple, and many other popular writers, are engaged, and will furnish some of their best articles. In addition to the other matter, two serial stories will be commenced in the No. for this month.

THE ATLANTIC ALMANAC for 1868 has just reached us. Its table of contents embraces, besides much valuable information, stories, articles and poetry, original and selected. The illustrations do credit to the engravers. This Almanac will be issued every year, and may be considered the "holiday number" of the *Atlantic Monthly*.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS for January opens with a Juvenile serial by Charles Dickens, written expressly for this magazine, which is a great favorite with the junior portion of our citizens, as well as those of more advanced years.

EVERY SATURDAY.—This weekly journal is rapidly rising into favor with our people. Its reading matter is always selected with great care from the best British and Foreign publications, and as an epitomizer of current literature it has no equal. Messrs. Ticknor & Fields, Boston, publishers. We have just received the Christmas No. of EVERY SATURDAY, which contains NO THOROUGHFARE, the Christmas story by Charles Dickens and Wilkie Collins. This

is by all odds the best Xmas tale that has appeared for many years. It is told in an easy, graceful style, and will have many readers on this side of the Atlantic. It is on sale at several of our bookstores.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE.—This old established and well conducted publication furnishes its readers with choice essays, reviews, tales, poems and literary items, selected from the prominent magazines and periodicals of the Old and New World. It has been before the public so many years, that it would be out of place for us to say anything further concerning it, other than that it is "up to the mark" in point of excellence, as usual. Published at \$8.00 a year by Messrs. Littell & Gay, Boston, Mass.

THE PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL is as attractive and interesting as ever and will be found very amusing and instructive reading, not only by the believers in the Science; but also by the sceptics. In entering upon its new volume, many inducements are held out to subscribers. \$3.00 a year. Fowler & Wells, New York. We have also received from Messrs. F. & W., Pope's "Essay on Man," and the "Gospel among the animals." They are well printed and the phrenological notes added to the former must increase its value considerably.

THE AMERICAN NATURALIST has just arrived and contains some capital articles. The illustrations which embellish this monthly are creditably done, and the typographical department is got up with great care.

HARPER'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE continues to enjoy its high and enviable position and daily increases its, now enormous, circulation many-fold.

THE NORTHERN MONTHLY.—The prospectus for 1868 promises many new novelties. Mrs. Harriet Spofford contributes a story in the January number, and Wirt Sikes writes up the City of Philadelphia. Besides these, other writers of note will, from time to time, contribute to its pages. Terms \$3.00 a year.