

Literary Notes.

Messrs. Hutchinson & Co. have in the press a new volume of "The Poets and the Poetry of the Century," containing selections from the poetry of John Keble, Cardinal Newman, the Rev. Stopford Brooke, the Bishop of Wakefield, the Rev. S. J. Stone, Dr. Alexander, and other religious writers. It will also have biographical and critical notices by leading critics. This volume completes the work.

Dundee has the honour of owning the latest literary "find." A bundle of Scott and Tennyson letters has been brought to light there, and Mr. Andrew Lang, in the case of Scott, and the present Lord Tennyson for his father, have testified to the *bona fides* of the epistles. The discovery is likely to influence two important literary works, one of which is Mr. Lang's great biography, and the other is Lord Tennyson's "Memoirs" of his father.

Canada is worrying herself, and scratching her head, and walking the floor with a wet towel around her brow, vainly trying to "evolve," design, or discover a national flag. THE WEEK, Canada's greatest literary paper, periodically breaks out with a cover in colours showing the latest stage of the national banner, stars, maple leaves, beavers, and all that. If the great Dominion manages to make up her mind on a flag, and also carries through her unique Copyright Bill, she will be quite a nation all to herself.—Detroit Free Press, London Edition, England.

Captain Mahan is writing an introduction to an important new work now in preparation by Sampson Low, Marston & Co. This is H. W. Wilson's "Ironclads in Action," giving in two volumes the history of naval warfare during the past forty years with some account of the development of the battleship in England. Hitherto there has been no single work accessible to the general reader dealing with this important subject, and even the professional student has been forced to collect a formidable array of volumes before he could have the naval history of his own times at hand.

The programme of the Fortnightly Club, of Peterborough, for the season 1895-6 has been received, and presents a very attractive appearance. Mr. C. Fessenden, M.A. is President of the Club, with the Rev. H. Symonds, M.A., Vice-President. Among the subjects to be dealt with during the coming season are: George Eliot; Christian Socialism; Mechanical Absurdities; The French Revolution; Poetical Forms, new and old; and Binetallism. The existence in Peterborough of a club of this nature, is indicative of the intellectual activity of the place and it is to be hoped that the good example set by it will be followed by other towns in the Dominion.

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