

**SOCIAL AND LITERARY.**

India has a "Native Press Association." A new book, by Mark Twain, is announced by English publishers.

The *Christian Million* is the title of a new English religious paper.

The *Cornhill* will publish Mr. James Payn's "Literary Recollections."

The first volume of Mr. Leslie Stephen's dictionary of the Bible is ready for the printer.

The title of Mr. Lewis Morris' forthcoming book of poems has been changed to "Songs Unsung."

Miss Sydney Lever, daughter of Charles Lever, the Irish novelist, is to print a volume of poems under the title "Fireflies."

Prof. Von Holst has been lecturing to large and interested audiences at Harvard, and his departure for Germany is regretted.

At Newham College, Miss Longfellow will devote herself to the higher mathematics, Miss Annie to art and the classics.

The letter of acceptance written by Emerson in reply to a call from the Second Unitarian Church in Boston has lately been published.

In an article on Queen Victoria in *The Century*, Mrs. Oliphant expresses her regret that the non-existence of a copyright law has made possible the publication in book-form against her own wish, of her life of Queen Victoria, originally contributed to an *Englis* monthly.

The new monthly *Shakspeareana*, to be published by the Leonard Scott Company, New York, will have its first issue under date of November 1. Some of the topics treated in this initial number are on the "Proposed Exhumation of the Tomb at Stratford," "King Lear's Arrangement with his Daughters" and "Portraits of Shakspeare."

Canon, the Mormon, is again at Washington, following the movements of the Utah Commission. He is confident that polygamy cannot be stopped, the triumphs of the Mormons over the recent Congress having done much to inspire him with confidence. It is, however, generally believed that the Mormons dread two possible Congressional enactments—making the civil record of Marriage compulsory, and abolishing suffrage in Utah.

Eight or ten merchants of Dallas, Texas, who are declared to be some of the most influential and staunch business men of the city, have formerly requested the County-Attorney to abandon his avowed purpose to suppress public gambling, declaring that it would hurt the city in a monetary point of view and would create private gambling, which they consider a great evil. One of them asserted that Fort Worth had offered the gamblers \$2,500 to move over there.

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