

NOTES

BALLADE OF THE PICAROON :—"He has much wrong resting on himself, and has crept through the worm-holes of all sorts of errors, in order to be able to reach many obscure souls on their secret paths. Forever dwelling in some kind of love, and some kind of selfishness and enjoyment. Powerful and at the same time obscure and resigned. Constantly loafing in the sunshine, and yet knowing the ladder which leads to the sublime to be near at hand."

VILLANELLE OF MUTTON :—Dam—A coin I am told of small value, used somewhere in the Orient, perhaps India, and there giving rise to a familiar phrase, as did the coin known as a "rap" in Ireland. 'This in explanation, lest the writer be thought profane.

MIRELLE OF FOUND MONEY :—"Gerard de Nerval lived the transfigured inner life of the dreamer. 'I am very tired of life!' he says. And like so many dreamers, who have all the luminous darkness of the universe in their brains, he found his most precious and uninterrupted solitude in the crowded and more sordid streets of great cities."—Arthur Symons.

BALLADE OF FINE EATING :—In the matter of fine eating, and in maintaining it as something more than the meat, the good Sir Thomas Browne thus commended Epicurus: "He (Epicurus) was contented with bread and water, and when he would dine with Jove, and pretend unto epulation, he desired no other addition than a piece of Cytheridian cheese."

QUESTION, ET AL. :—In a little workshop under my hat are some broken ballades and unused lines, from which I have hastily contrived these few quatrains, having now neither time nor inclination to do more with them.