

also made of the separate faculties and classes at the universities, the curriculum for graduation in the various courses, with lists of the bursaries, &c., &c. The compilation is a specially valuable one for consultation and reference, and we will be glad to see it make its stated annual reappearance.

Arnold's Henry's First Latin Book, edited by C. G. Gepp, M.A. London: Rivingtons. One manifest gain in the production of text books, which the competition of school-book publishers has secured to the profession, is the greater simplicity of arrangement, and the improved mechanical appearance of the page, which characterizes the work of modern writers and editors of school books. The work of the schools has so greatly increased of late, and the multiplicity of their studies is such, that the improved features of the text books of the day are matters of no small moment, when the amount of work that has to be got up is considered. The present edition of our old friend, Arnold's Henry's Latin Book, is noticeable for its more attractive and inviting page, and for the simplification of much of its matter. The exercises, too, seem to have been pruned and brightened, and the work altogether has evidently undergone an intelligent and sympathetic overhauling. A striking feature in the new book is the development of the lessons on the principle of the gradual formation of words from their stem-roots, the case-endings being shown by changes in the type. A number of questions in syntax, a vocabulary, appendices, and general index, make up a capitally modernized First Latin Book, which no doubt will continue to hold its own in competition with the thousand and one elementary text books in Latin known to the teacher of classics.

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC, AND ART JOTTINGS.

MESSRS. BENTLEY have just ready, from the sprightly and satirical pen of that dowager gossip, Lady Jackson, a work on "Old Paris; its Court and Literary Salons."

MESSRS. MACMILLAN & Co. have just

ready, "Paradoxical Philosophy," a sequel to the remarkable work entitled, "The Unseen Universe;" and a work by the late Prof. Herbert, on "The Realistic Assumption of Modern Science examined."

THE Dean of the Faculty of Law in the University of Melbourne, Dr. W. E. Hearn, has just issued an introduction to comparative jurisprudence, under the title of "The Aryan Household: its structure and development."

MESSRS. E. & F. N. SPON, of London, have just ready part I of their great "Encyclopaedia of the Industrial Arts, Manufactures and Commercial Products," edited by Prof. André, F.G.S.; also, "A Descriptive Treatise on Mathematical Drawing Instruments," by W. F. Stanley, M.R.I.

LT.-COL. T. E. GORDON, C.S.I., lately attached to the special English mission to Kashgar, has published a work on Russia in the East, entitled, "The Roof of the World." The book consists of a narrative of a journey over the high plateau of Thibet to the Russian frontier and the Oxus sources on Pamir.

MR. STANLEY LANE POOLE has just edited a Life of E. W. Lane, the translator of the Scholar's Edition of *The Arabian Nights*, containing concise and graphic extracts from Lane's Diary, descriptive of many of the stirring features of Eastern life amid which the distinguished Oriental scholar passed his days.

A BIOGRAPHY of William Cobbett, that "sturdiest Englishman of our grandfathers' time," as Mr. Thomas Hughes, in a recent notice of the work in *The Academy*, calls him, has just been published. As the well-known grammarian, the most powerful political writer of his day, and a self-made man of note, the memoir will doubtless be sought after by many of our readers.

THE Rev. Prof. Oswald Heer, of the University of Zurich, has made the remark that "Switzerland forms a magnificent temple of nature, in which we may follow in succession the past periods of the world's history." We notice that a translation of the distinguished professor's work, "The Primeval World of Switzerland," has just been