

It is pleasant to see justice done to the gifted dead, far away from his birth-place and his grave. It is pleasant to note the affectionate interest with which he is still regarded—and it is pleasant to know that no honour shewn him was undeserved. The name of Motherwell will be held in memory, with the great ones of his country, through after-times, and the tribute now paid to his worth and genius, in the publication of the volume before us, will only be the beginning of what an intelligent people, who know how to appreciate talent, will pay to him when they are more familiarly made acquainted with him, and with the productions of his muse.

THE JACQUERIE—BY JAMES.

A NEW historical romance, by James, the celebrated novelist, has just made its appearance, and is said to be fully equal to the best of that clever author's works. It is a tale of the times of the Black Prince, and treats of the wars and battles of that memorable period. Several of the personages introduced are characters well known in history, and the hero is a young soldier of fortune, who fights his way to fame, under the banners of the renowned Edward. He is in love with a "maiden of high degree," whose hand at last rewards him for his heroism, and the romance, as usual, ends with the marriage.

THE POETS OF AMERICA, ILLUSTRATED BY ONE OF HER PAINTERS—SECOND VOLUME.

WE have already noticed, in terms of commendation, the first volume of this work. The second is a worthy successor. The engravings are fanciful outlines only, but they are beautifully executed, in a style that would do no discredit to the burins of the most eminent English artists. The literary contents are excellent. As a New Year's Gift, no book has superior attractions to this. As an evidence of the progress of art and literature on this continent, the book should be preserved.

HUNT'S MERCHANT'S MAGAZINE.

WITH the January number of this magazine a new volume commences. To men of business, it is a most valuable work, each number containing articles applicable to the business of every day. In the last number are several really excellent papers, written with much care and judgment. The statistical information it contains is itself of great importance, and worth, to those engaged in trade, far more than the amount of subscription to the magazine.

THE LADIES' COMPANION.

THIS beautiful monthly continues to maintain the enviable character it holds among the periodicals of America. In the December number a very fine engraving of "The Maiden," and another valuable steel plate are given. The original articles, by well-known contributors to the work, maintain the honourable reputation they have already earned among the *literati* of America.

LOCKHART'S SPANISH BALLADS.

THE literary world has been for some time familiar with these translations, which have now been republished in America. The translator, the author of the Biography of Scott, has won for himself new laurels by the skill with which he has rendered into English these wild and romantic legends and songs of Spain. The book is published in New York, in a very elegant form, and has been largely purchased as a New Year's Gift.

POCKET ALMANAC AND GENERAL REGISTER.

A POCKET ALMANAC has just been issued from the press of Messrs. Starke & Co., of this city. It is of a very small size, but being printed in an extremely neat and compact form, it contains a great variety of useful information, with regard to the different societies and public bodies in Montreal. It will be found highly useful to all persons connected with the city.

THE NEW YORK ALBION.

THE proprietor of this excellent weekly has in preparation a portrait of Washington, for distribution to his subscribers. It is to be executed in the style of the portrait of Wellington, which is highly esteemed by amateurs. Several other engravings are promised.