

even indicate the vast range of subjects treated of in this interesting work. It is sufficient to say that all sorts and kinds of foods are discussed both from a gastronomic and a physiological point of view; and that the subject is to be completed by a supplementary volume on Diets and Dietarics. There are also important chapters upon the various fluids employed

by men as drinks, and upon atmospheric air and ventilation. Dr. Smith is acknowledged to be one of the highest living authorities upon the subject of Foods, and his work is one which should be read carefully by every medical practitioner, whilst there is much in it which cannot fail to be both interesting and profitable to the general reader.

LITERARY NOTES.

Erckmann-Chatriau are writing a new story—"Une Campagne en Kabylie, racontée par un Chasseur d'Afrique."

Farjeon's "Blade o' Grass" has been translated into French, and is about to be issued in Paris.

The University of Oxford has just conferred the degree of D.C.L., its highest honour, upon Prof. James Russell Lowell.

Longmans announce "The Chronology of the Bible and Historical Synchronisms," by M. Ernest de Bunsen.

A new part of the quarto "Transactions of the Zoological Society," just issued, contains three papers by Professor Owen.

Mr. Anthony Trollope's new story, "Plineias Redux," commenced in the *Graphic* recently.

Mr. Blanchard Jerrold is engaged, with special sanction of the Empress Eugénie, on "The Life and Times of Napoleon III." The first part is expected about Christmas.

Mr. J. Kington Oliphant is about to publish, through Messrs. Macmillan, a book called "On the Origin of Standard English."

The death is announced of Dr. Brandis, private secretary to the German Empress, and well known to the learned world as a meteorologist.

Theodore Tilton is said to be writing a novel. His last book, we believe, was a biography of Victoria Woodhull.

Bret Harte's Sketches have been translated into German by W. Hertzberg, under the title of "Californische Novellen."

"Kaiser Wilhelm and his Contemporaries," is the title of Louise Muhlbach's new historical romance. The first part, consisting of four volumes, has appeared, and many more are to follow.

Joaquin Miller's "Life Among the Modocs," is about ready in London. He styles it "Unwritten History." The book is a defence of the Indians. Bentley & Son bring it out in an octavo volume at 14 shillings.

Messrs. Grant & Co. have the first of a series of new and original books of English humour in the press, by one of our cleverest artists, to follow their American work, "Merry Maple Leaves." The first of the new series will be ready in August. It is by William Brunton and Robin Goodfellow.

The Hygienic Tract Society has been started, having for its object the printing and distribution of tracts and leaflets on sanitary subjects, written by qualified men.

The Spanish novelist, Senor Perez Galdós, has in the press an original historical novel, entitled, "La Corte de Carlos IV." ("The Court of Charles the

Fourth.") It is said that the personages who influenced Spanish politics at that period, 1788 to 1808, are drawn with historical accuracy, and with a masterly hand.—*Athenæum*.

Miss Ingelow has nearly completed her second novel. She is writing it with great care, wisely avoiding the error of many writers, whom a first success blinds to the danger of writing too rapidly and publishing too often.

The *Arcturian* says that Mr. George Routledge returned to England taking with him at least one trophy, in the shape of a new volume of poems, mostly MS., by Mr. Longfellow. The title of the book is the "Amaranth," and it will be published about the same time in London and New York. Mr. Routledge, it is said, paid a good price for it, as he did for a former work by the same author, "Three Books of Song," the consideration for which was £1,000.

The German Empress, on the occasion of the Vienna Exhibition, has offered two prizes, of 2,000 Th. each, for the two following Treatises:—1, The best handbook of practical war surgery; 2, the best work on the Geneva Convention. The prize treatises may be written in French, German, or English, and must be handed in by the 15th of May, 1874. The prizes will be awarded on the 14th of October, 1874. The Empress has also given two thousand thalers to be used for prizes and the purchase of practical appliances for the sanitary service in the field.

Forest and Stream is a new weekly journal devoted to Field and Aquatic Sports, Practical Natural History, Fish Culture, the Protection of Game, Preservation of Forests, and the inculcation in men and women of a healthy interest in Out-Door Recreation and Study. Edited by Charles Halluck, and published by the Forest and Stream Publishing Company, at 103, Fulton Street, New York; terms, \$5 per annum.

The *Belfast Morning News* has noticed on more than one occasion Mr. Barnett's letters to the *Jewish Chronicle* in aid of his theory that large numbers of Jews settled in Ireland, that Jeremiah is identical with the Ollam Fola, and the Irish Coronation Stone in Westminster Abbey is really Jacob's Stone. The *Belfast Morning News* adds that an English lady, of rare learning and attainments, Mrs. Wilkes, has in the press a learned and curious work, urging the affinity of the Hebrew and Celtic races. The journal adds that there is no doubt as to an affinity between the old Irish language and alphabet and some of the Chaldean languages and alphabets, Hebrew or Phœnician.—*Jewish Chronicle*.