

## Literary Review and Record.

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If we may judge from the announcements of various publishers on both sides of the Atlantic, we should say they were anticipating a revival of the book trade, as they appear to be making ample provision for the different tastes of the people. Certainly this is a reading age, as compared with former days, but it is very doubtful whether sufficient attention is paid to that kind of reading which may prove beneficial to the mind and be turned to good account in the business of life. Among much that is doubtful in the issues of this season, there is much that is commendable, and many works of real sterling value. New editions of valuable books are announced, a fact worth noticing, because it shows that the taste for sound and healthy literature is on the increase. We have even a *fifth* edition of *Trench's* (R. C.) *Synonyms of the New Testament*, and a second edition of "*A History of Sanscrit Literature so far as it illustrates the Primitive Religion of the Brahmins*. By Max Muller, M. A. We cannot too highly commend the new and complete edition of Bacon's Works, to be issued in fifteen volumes. Two volumes are already out, and present a most beautiful appearance, as to typography and binding; and as to matter we have only to say, they contain Bacon's historic essays on the reigns of Henry 7th and 8th, and the 'Fortunate Memory of Queen Elizabeth.' The edition will comprise all the works of the great Lord High Chancellor, under the English Editorship of James Spedding, M. A. of Cambridge, and Robert Leslie Ellis, M. A., late fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Brown and Taggard of Boston are the publishers, and the volumes can be had as regularly issued, of B. Dawson and Son, Mon-

treah. Gould and Lincoln, announce Hamilton's Lectures on Logic and on Metaphysics, two most valuable volumes for all who delight in that class of studies. We are glad also to perceive that the same house, has issued "The Life and Correspondence of the Rev Daniel Wilson, D D., late Bishop of Calcutta," with portrait, maps, and illustrations. It is a deeply interesting biography of a truly evangelical and laborious Christian Bishop. From England we hear that Carlyle is busily engaged on a continuation of his great history, or "Life of Frederic the Great," and we hope it will not be much longer before it is out of the hands of the printer. Those who are acquainted with Blackie and Son's "Imperial Dictionary," English, Technological, and Scientific, and their "Imperial Gazetteer," a general Dictionary of Geography, Physical, Political, Statistical, and Descriptive; will be glad to learn that they have just published "The Imperial Atlas of Modern Geography" a series of one hundred carefully colored maps, embracing the most recent discoveries, and the latest political divisions of Territory in all parts of the world, compiled from the most authentic sources, with an index of about 120,000 names, the most copious ever published. What facilities we have for gathering information in these days! Our record must be brief, or we could introduce a hundred other volumes to the attention of our readers; let these suffice for the present except that we shall select a few others for more particular notice.

The History and Philosophy of Methodism, the rapidity of its growth, and the causes which have brought it to its present status in the world, are topics