

Literary Notes.

Messrs Longmans, Green, and Co. are about to issue a "Library" edition of Mr. William Watson's poems. It is to occupy ten volumes, the first four of which will be filled by "The Earthly Paradise."

The Right Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, Bishop of Western New York, who died on the 20th of July, at the age of seventy-eight, was the author of numerous contributions to theological controversy, edited nine volumes of the "Ante-Nicene Fathers," and wrote a considerable quantity of religious verse.

Felix Gras' successful "Reds of the Midi," published by the Messrs. Appleton, was the first book ever translated from a Provençal MS., and the first to appear in America before its publication in the original tongue. It is now about to be issued by Mme. Roumanille, libraire-éditeur, at Avignon, under the title of "Li Rouge don Mieiour, Rouman Istouri," with a translation in French.

Sir Augustus Berkeley Paget, formerly British Ambassador at Vienna, died on July 11th. He was born in 1823, and passed his life in the diplomatic service. He was the son of the late Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Paget, whose diplomatic and other correspondence, brought out recently by Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co., under the title of "The Paget Papers," he edited and made ready for publication.

The Open Court of August 6th, No 467, contains as its Supplement a remarkable portrait of Count Leo Tolstoi, as he appears in the peasant working-costume of his ancestral estates at Toula, Russia. The portrait accompanies Count Tolstoi's sketch "Christianity and Patriotism," a powerful analysis of the sentiment of patriotism in the light of Christian precepts, and a fervent, rational plea for the brotherhood of man.

Before making any investments in mining shares, the Rossland Miner suggests that satisfactory answers be obtained to these queries:—(1) Who are at the head of the company whose shares are offered for sale? Is the character of the men in control such as to command ordinary business confidence? Do they know anything about mining? Are they financially responsible or are they simply adventurers? (2) How much money has been paid for the property upon which the corporation is founded whose shares are offered for sale? Is the title good? Has the property been surveyed and has it a Crown grant? (3) Does the price paid for the property upon which the corporation is founded bear any sort of proportion to the aggregate price of the shares? (4) What sort of guarantee is there that the promoters of the corporation will not dump their own shares on the market at the first opportunity and leave the company to take care of itself as best it can?

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Mr. Howells in the opening paper of Harper's for August, gives his personal recollection of "The White Mr. Longfellow," who, in the opinion of Mr. Howells, was the greatest of the Boston group of literary men. The number also contains the first of a two-part story by Mark Twain, called "Tom Sawyer, Detective;" the second instalment of a novellette by Langdon E. Mitchell, called "Two Mormons from Muddlety;" five short stories and a number of well-written papers upon various subjects of interest. The description given by Mr. Remington in "The Strange Days That Came to Jimmie Friday," of what he terms *Southern Canada* are somewhat faulty. In the first place there are no Hudson Bay Company posts in *Southern Canada*; and to describe the occupants of any Hudson Bay post as stagnated (*sic*) is absurd. The sort of people Mr. Remington speaks of can be found in some parts of the States of North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee, but not among the employees of the Hudson Bay Company or up in the northern portion of the Dominion.


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