

by the publication of Mr. F. W. Robinson's *New Story*, issued by Messrs. Hunter Rose, and Co., "Second-Cousin Sarah," and Mr. Hardy's "Far from the Madding Crowd." Both of these novelists have taken a high rank among English writers of fiction, and we doubt not their new productions will be read with avidity by the ever-widening circle of novel readers.

Messrs. Scribner make the announcement of a new library of books, entitled the "Bric-a-Brac Series," which is intended to include volumes of personal reminiscences of famous poets, novelists, artists, actors, musicians, wits, and the like. Each volume will be complete in itself, and will form a condensation of one or more biographies. The first issue will be the "Personal Reminiscences of Chorley, Planche, and Young,"—a musician, a dramatist, and a tragedian well known in London circles. The editorship of the series has been entrusted to Mr. Richard Henry Stoddard, the American critic.

The announcement is made of a reprint of the "Literary Remains of the late Emanuel Deutsch," the memoir of a singularly-gifted writer, whose articles to the English reviews on *The Talmudd*, *The Roman Passion Drama*, &c., attracted so much attention.

"The Aldine" for March is a capital number of

that famous periodical. The subjects illustrated are of exceeding interest, and the engraving and printing the perfection of engravers' and printers' art. The number contains, moreover, a large amount of reading matter, embracing tales, sketches, poetry, &c. We are glad to notice that an agency for this publication has been opened in Toronto, and as it can only be obtained through the agent, we append the address :—W. H. Fitts, 50, King Street, East.

The eventful period in the history of the Indian Empire, while under the rule of Lord Ellenborough, has just been illustrated by the publication of that administrator's correspondence with the Duke of Wellington. The civil and political state of the empire at that period, 1842-44, was very critical, and we are glad to have the help these letters afford in understanding more clearly the position of affairs in Afghanistan under his Lordship's regime.

The new volume by Mr. Motley, on the "Life and Death of John of Barneveld, Advocate of Holland," will be found an interesting sequel to his previous histories. The work deals with the primary causes and movements of "The Thirty Years' War," and the momentous period of that conflict can be but little understood without the knowledge which an insight into the labours and life of Barneveld affords.