

## Literary Notes.

Three striking contributions to the *May Atlantic* are the opening number of a series of letters from Dante Gabriel Rossetti to William Allingham, ably edited by George Birkbeck Hill, with a delightful autobiographical sketch of Allingham; Kendrick Charles Babcock's discussion of "The Scandinavian Contingent," being the third paper in the series on race characteristics in American life; and an anonymous paper on Mr. Olney's fitness for the presidency.

An outdoor flavor is given to this issue by Mrs. Olive Thorne Miller's "Whimsical Ways in Bird Land," another of her bird papers, which have won for her a wide reputation as an acute observer and graceful writer, and "Pandean Pastimes," an outdoor study of spring from a child's standpoint, by Mrs. Fanny Bergen.

Other features are a discriminating Japanese sketch by Lafcadio Hearn, "A Trip to Kyoto"; Mrs. Rose Hawthorne Lathrop's "Memories of Hawthorne," concluded; "The Preservation of Our Game," by Gaston Fay; and the "Teaching of Economics," by J. Laurence Laughlin.

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