

Literary and Scientific Notes.

Mrs. Burnett is at work on a new novel.

Wilkie Collins styles his new novel "The Black Robe."

Dean Stanley is preparing for the press a series of Essays, and the volume will be named "Christian Institutions."

The name of Geikie, the well known author of a "Life of Christ," is pronounced as though spelt *Gikiey*—*g* being hard.

Justin McCarthy brings the concluding volumes of the *History of our own Times* down to the close of Beaconsfield's late administration.

A new work on the scientific basis of Spiritualism is in preparation by Mr. Epes Sargent, who has thoroughly investigated the subject in a favorable light.

Here is a choice couplet from the "Cabinet Poems" of E. H. Munday:

"The youth is borne from battles brunt
With seven bullets in his front."
Such is—Poetry!

The latest news in the electric field is the reported invention of a method of applying electricity as a motive power on *elevated* railways.

John Lovell, of Montreal, has published his "Advanced Geography" for the use of schools and colleges. It is edited by a gentleman residing in Ontario.

Mr. Edison says that he has completely solved the problem of electric light. In the October number of the *North American Review*, he will state the advantage of electricity over gas, and explain how the new light is to be introduced.

M. Jules Verne is said to be planning a new book, "A Journey to the Land of Marble;" and by way of preparing to write it, he is visiting the province of Oran, to explore the marble quarries at Kleher.

In the publication of standard literature in cheap forms, considerable competition is awakened. The *Humboldt Library* by Fitzgerald & Co., N. Y. is the latest. Herbert Spencer's "Data of Ethics" and "Education, Intellectual, Moral, and Physical" are two of the works of this library which we have seen on sale at 15 cents each.

The brilliancy of the planet Jupiter will be greater in October than it has been for many years past. The large red spot on his disk,

which made its appearance in 1878, and which is a puzzle to astronomers, is still visible, and a host of telescopes throughout the country are directed to this object of interest.

Exchange & Review Notes.

Sometimes and somewhere we have received the tradition that a fighting editor is connected with all widely circulated dailies. This editor must be a man of prodigious muscle, that he may knock down any raw-boned country assailant whose ire has been excited; a dead-shot that he may properly "fix" any gentlemanly adherer to the "code" whose indignation has been roused; and, withal, versed in all arts of offensive, defensive and inexpensive, in order that every assailant may be matched, over-matched, and despatched, by this Hercules, while the pale, gaunt, spectacle, and inky-fingered literary editors pursue their work unmolested and unfearing. And as we assume the duties of the Exchange Editor, we have a vague notion that some members of the fraternity to which we have just been introduced are to the college paper what the fighting editor is to the class of journals just named. Pugnacity is often displayed by the exchange man, and the way he pummels, and gores, and stamps upon, and tosses his adversary,—be that adversary never so lamb-like—is suggestive of a Spanish bull-fight—the victim being down and the bull raging. Whether we shall grow into such a thing of terror we cannot tell. Hitherto we have been a peaceful soul. We know little of boxing or fencing, or shooting. We are sure that if we had been Mr. William Tell, and had shot at the apple, both the apple and the boy would have been perfectly safe. With a rifle we could not hit the bull's-eye, unless the horrid beast held his head very still, and permitted us to place the muzzle of our deadly weapon close beneath his eyebrow. And perhaps with our pen we should be quite as void of skill. We cannot tell. At any rate we hope this is not to be a year of war and tumult. We extend a friendly hand to everyone, sincerely hoping that we may work together in peace, and that, with unity of purpose though possibly with diversity of opinion, we may seek to advance the interests of higher education.

Only one college paper has reached us, and that is the *Niagara Index*. It is a thoroughly readable number. "Hearts and roses" is as pretty as the name would lead us to expect. Some one who signs himself "Another Jack," commences a series of "Letters to a Freshman."