

SOCIAL AND LITERARY

The monument to Lafayette was unveiled at Paris recently.

The new United Church is to be called "The Methodist Church."

Frank James the notorious outlaw has been brought in "not guilty" at his trial in Gallatin, Mo.

Sir Samuel W. Baker has written a new book for boys: "True Tales for my Grandsons."

The Buddhist temple in Java, the largest in the East, was destroyed by falling rocks in the recent volcanic eruptions.

"The Little Schoolmaster Mark" is the old title of the new story by Mr. Short-house, author of "John Inglesant."

Sir Harry Parkes new British Minister to China, has arrived at Shanghai and was cordially received.

Proi. Bell, the inventor of the Bell telephone, has become involved as plaintiff in some heavy litigation concerning alleged infringements of his patent, in Prague, Trieste, and other places in the Austrian domain.

The first newspaper ever published in what is now the Dominion of Canada was the *Halifax Gazette*, the first copy of which dated March 23, 1752, is in the possession of Mr. Samuel Green, in the Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston.

Shakespeare uses more different words than any other writer in the English language. There are about 15,000 different words in his plays and sonnets, while no other writer uses as many as 10,000. A few writers use 9,000 words, but the great majority do not employ more than 8,000. In conversation only from 3,000 to 5,000 different words are used.

In the six months from January to July 7058 books were published in the German language, an average of 45 books a day. The largest class was of educational books; afterwards followed theology, law, novels, medicines, industry, natural science, and history, in the order given.

Longfellow's two unmarried daughters have decided to enter themselves as students at Newham College, England.

Victor Hugo is accustomed to work at several subjects simultaneously, passing from one of several tables to another, as ideas on the different subjects occur to him.

Mr. L. N. Fowler, one of the founders of the well-known publishing firm of Fowler & Wells, has just returned from Europe, where he has been traveling and lecturing for nearly twenty-five years.

An English publication has engaged pencil sketches from the Princess Beatrice, it is said, and agreed upon a price for them.

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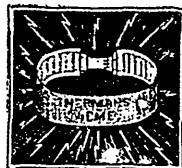
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