

Baby," is in a third edition. Ten thousand copies have been printed of the work.

—Mr. James Colston, treasurer of the city of Edinburgh, and head of the firm of Messrs. Colston & Son, of that city, is engaged on a "History of Printing in Scotland."

—Mr. J. B. Sheppard is about to edit for the Camden Society "Christ Church letters," relating to the domestic affairs of the Priory of Christ Church, Canterbury, in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries.

—A translation of Schleicher's work on the German language, "Die Deutsche Sprache," is being prepared by Mr. T. C. Snow, Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, and Mr. E. P. Arnold, Assistant-Master at Clifton College.

—The Rev. Isaac Taylor has in hand materials for another volume on the Etruscan language, showing its non-Aryan character, and its close alliance with the Finnic, Turkic, and other languages of the Altaic stock.

—M. Naville, of Geneva, has been commissioned by the Prussian Government to prepare the text of the Egyptian "Ritual of the Dead," and is at present engaged in an examination of the principal papyri in England.

—Mr. Henry Kingsley has just completed a collection of essays entitled "Fireside Studies." The subjects are Addison, Steele, and other "Spectator" contributors, Eeumont and Fletcher, Andrew Marvell, Ben Johnson, Sir Philip Sidney, Christopher Marlowe, and others.

—Messrs. Henry S. King & Co. will shortly publish a volume by Captain J. H. Baldwin, F.Z.S., of the Bengal Staff Corps, entitled, "The Large and Small Game of India." According to the *Academy*, it will not be purely a narrative of personal adventure, but will contain much scientific information with reference to the animals of which it treats.

—The *St. James's Magazine* for March contains an original sonnet by Shelley. It is said to be in the poet's own handwriting, and forms

one of a series of Shelley MSS. in the possession of M. Townshend Mayer, many of which he has lent to Mr. Buxton Forman for use in the preparation of his edition of Shelley's Works, to be published by Messrs. Reeves & Turner,—*Athenæum*.

—A relic of the conquest of Great Britain by the Romans has been brought before the Paris Academie des Inscriptions. A Latin Inscription recording the triumph of the Emperor Claudius over the Britons, and the taking of Caractacus, has been found engraved on a stone in the wall of the ancient Cyzicus, in Asia Minor, and the copy brought to France. Claudius is here designated as *Vindex libertatis*.

—M. Wurtz announced to the Academy of Science, Paris, on the 6th ult., that M. Lecoq de Boisbandran had succeeded in isolating the new metal, gallium, the discovery of which was announced in these pages a short time back. It is a white metal, taking a place between zinc and aluminium.

—Among forthcoming works announced for early publication in London, are the concluding volumes of *The Life of Viscount Palmerston*, by the Hon. Evelyn Ashley, M.P.; *Ten Years of My Life*, by the Princess Salm-Salm; and *A Course of Practical Instruction in Elementary Biology*.

—In the new edition of Jowett's Plato, just published, the corrections are considerable and important. The Prefaces to the Dialogues have been enlarged, and essays on subjects of modern philosophy having an affinity to the Platonic Dialogues, namely, Utility, Communism, and the Kantian and Hegelian Philosophies, have been introduced into several of them. The Analyses have been corrected, and innumerable alterations have been made in the text.

—A splendid new astronomical observatory is being erected at Vienna, which is likely to take some years to complete. Messrs. Grubb, the eminent opticians of Dublin, are con-