

religious purposes—the troops of pilgrims who, on foot, and on horseback, wend their way to the far famed temple—the numerous edifices consecrated for religion—and, above all, the multitude of priests in their flowing white robes, and with the emblems of their high caste and sacred calling marked on their forehead, impress the most frivolous mind with feelings of veneration, and cause the proud European to look with more respect than is his wont on the way-worn victims, of superstition that surround him.

This feeling is further increased by the first view of the temple, as in solemn grandeur its ponderous ornamented front appears towering above the pretty village at its base. The sacred building is enclosed by a lofty wall which bars all egress or ingress save by two grand entrances on the eastern and western side. Vastness, that necessary adjunct to magnificence is not wanting here. The external aspect of the immense pile does not belie its reputation, or disappoint the anticipations of the traveller; but although the exterior of the temple, particularly on the western side, has an imposing appearance, the curiosity of the visitor to behold its interior seldom allows him to linger long without its holy precincts."

WORKS ANNOUNCED FOR PUBLICATION.

THE 1st vol. of the *Correspondence of Madame D'Arblay* (the celebrated Miss Burney); edited by her Niece.—This book is looked for in the literary world, with great anxiety. Madame D'Arblay, who died in 1840, belongs to the days of Johnson, Goldsmith, &c. She was a novelist of celebrity, especially, a depicter of character. It is chiefly from her intimacy with the great men of the last century, that this book is expected to be deeply interesting.

The delay of the English Mail has, of course, prevented us from being able to present a review of Sir Edward Lytton Bulwer's new work—*Zanoni*, or the Secret Order.



LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

THE increase of institutions, in this province, intended to aid the diffusion of information, induces us to devote a portion of this work to notices of their progress. In Windsor, Yarmouth, and Cape Breton, societies have lately been formed; and we must not neglect to mention, that in St. John, N. B., the large and splendid hall erect-

ed for the Mechanics' Institute is always filled,—and that, in Prince Edward's Island, while the Institute continues to flourish, a number of young men have likewise commenced a "Mutual Instruction Society," which already comprises 70 members.

We should be happy to insert monthly notices of the meetings of these institutions,—and would thank the several Secretaries for reports of their "sayings and doings."

THE HALIFAX MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE.—This popular institution continues, of course, to flourish. The audiences are large, the lectures satisfactory, and a knowledge of the elements of science continue, under its rostering care, to be diffused among all classes. On Wednesday evening, the 23d, Alderman A. McKinlay delivered a Lecture on Galvanism. We are unable to present our readers with a list of the lecturers for the ensuing month.

THE HALIFAX LITERARY SOCIETY.—In this society there has been a revolution; that is to say, the rules have been re-modelled, a modest name has been adopted,—and there has been a large accession of new members. The large attendance which has ensued produces very interesting discussions. The debates, during the last month, have been ably sustained. On last Thursday evening the question was—Have the inroads of the Northern Barbarians upon the Roman Empire been beneficial to the Human Race? The affirmative side of the question was advocated by Mr. J. S. Thompson, editor of the "Novascotian," Mr. Tupper, Mr. J. Bell, and others, who were strenuously opposed by Messrs. Chamberlain, Donovan, Nugent, &c. The question was adjourned for discussion on next evening. It is one of the best which has ever come before the society. It laid open a wide field, both historical and philosophical, which members did not fail to explore,—and we cannot refrain from noticing, in particular, the speech of Mr. Tupper, as rich in argument and historical research. The discussion was enlivened by much humour and friendly retort, which were not out of place. The Rev. Mr. Knowlan is, we understand, to lecture before the society in a few weeks.

WINDSOR MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—This institution was founded in last month. In so respectable and growing a town as Windsor such a Society seemed highly necessary. Mr. B. DeWolf was elected President; but not having received any reports of the meetings, we cannot, at present, give any account of them.