

sides his coarseness and his wit. Dickens prefers no claim to the grave irony of the author of *Don Quixote*; but he has painted Garagantuas and Pantagruels in profusion, though of a lilliputian type, and with morals the reverse of those of his antetype. The creations of the one are Titans, those of the other may be dwarfs; yet the species to which both creatures belong is the same. An English author was recommended by the chief minister of the day to learn the Spanish language, which he did, expecting to be sent to Spain on some mission or employment; but his adviser, when informed of the fact, merely said that he envied him the pleasure he would derive from reading *Don Quixote* in the original. So, those who have yet to read this new work of Dickens' have a pleasure in reserve of which we recommend them to avail themselves without unnecessary delay. In "Our Mutual Friend," Dickens exhibits many of the faults and the beauties of his style and genius.

A HISTORY OF THE PROVINCE OF LOWER CANADA, Parliamentary and Political, from the commencement to the close of its existence as a separate Province. By Robert Christie. In Six Volumes. Montreal: Richard Worthington. Volumes 1 and 2.

The republication of Christie's History of Canada is a praiseworthy undertaking, and deserves encouragement, for the work is a valuable one, were it only from the large number of official and other documents which it contains. The second volume, just issued, commences with the year 1811, and closes with the year 1822, including, of course, an account of the war of 1812, between England and the United States. No library of any pretensions ought to be without this work. Many of the documents are not only of Provincial, but of North American importance.

PRISON LIFE IN THE SOUTH, at Richmond, Andersonville, &c., during the years 1864 and 1865. By A. O. Abbott, late Lieutenant First New York Dragoons. New York: Harper Brothers. Montreal: Dawson Brothers.

Now that the war is over, and President Johnson and his cabinet are zealously engaged in the patriotic task of reorganising the South, with the view of restoring it to its rightful place in the Union, it would be wise in every citizen of the United States to avoid irritating controversies about the recent contest, as far as possible. Mr. Abbott's "Prison Life in the South" is, we consider, objectionable in that respect; but, apart from this, the book comprises much information concerning the condition of the people of the ex-Confederation, which will throw much light on the struggle between the North and South, its origin, and the causes of its failure.

SIR JASPER TENANT; a Novel. By Miss M. E. Braddon. From the Author's advance sheets. New York: Dick & Fitzgerald. C. Hill, Montreal.

Miss Braddon's latest novel, "Sir Jasper Tenant," is, of course, of the sensational class of tales; and, as she is one of the cleverest writers of that school, she is certain to find abundance of readers among the numerous admirers of these popular productions.

"CANADA'S THANKSGIVING," "CHRISTIAN PANTHEISM," and "O WHEEL," are the titles of three sermons preached on the 18th October last, the day appointed by the Governor General's proclamation for offering thanks to Almighty God, by the people of Canada, for the late abundant harvest bestowed by him on the Province. The first of these was delivered by the Rev. John Jenkins, D.D., of Montreal; the second by the Rev. Andrew Paton, Assistant Minister St. Andrew's Church, Montreal; and both are published by Messrs. Dawson Brothers, Great St. James Street. The third was preached by the Rev. Dr. Scadding. Publishers, Messrs. Rollo & Adam, Toronto. They are all able and eloquent discourses.

It is sad to think that the meed of fame, of power, and of success is more frequently assigned to the action of strong passions than to the operations of great intellect.

THE MAGAZINES.

FRAZERS for November opens with an article of great ability on Leckie's "History of Rationalism." The opening chapters of a new novel entitled, "The Beauclercs, Father and Son," follow. "Cuneiform Inscriptions" is an important article, embodying the views of Count Gobineau, the French minister in Persia, who asserts that he has discovered the true key to the cuneiform characters, and that Rawlinson and others have been totally mistaken in their interpretations. Several lighter articles follow, and the number concludes with a short paper on Lord Palmerston, consisting chiefly of anecdotes, illustrative of his personal character. For sale by Messrs. Dawson & Bros.

THE DUBLIN UNIVERSITY.—The first article is a curious and pleasant one, on "Glastonbury Abbey, Past and Present." In "A Second Visit to London" several recent works on the great metropolis are reviewed. The essay on "Garri-ck" is replete with charming anecdotes of the actors and actresses of the last century. "Scenes on the Transition Age from Cæsar to Christ," presents us, amongst other incidents, with a vivid picture of Roman revellers, drinking in a wine shop. A very eulogistic article on Lord Palmerston concludes the number. For sale by Dawson Bros.

THE ENGLISHWOMAN'S DOMESTIC MAGAZINE is chiefly devoted to matters useful and interesting to ladies, although its literary contents are generally of a varied character. The November number contains several complete tales; an interesting article on "Lord Macaulay," another on "Stays," chapters on Music, the Drama, the Fashions, &c. &c. The coloured Fashion Plates are, we judge, all that ladies can desire. For sale by Dawson Bros.

PALMERSTON

The King is dead—God save the King
Aye, King of England—was he less?
Nay, he was more; for Kings confess
He was their lord in everything.

Gone, with his eighty years and more
The idol of his country's heart;
No man that ever played his part,
Was such a junior at fourscore.

A living evergreen he seemed;
Devoted to eternal youth;
As changeless as some mighty Truth;
True as the Dream that Bunyan dreamed.

In vain he sleeps with England's peers;
He lives as Shakespeare lives, deep down
In a great nation's heart, his crown
That nation's love, and pride, and tears.

Each wears some jewel for the man;
In every breast for him there beats
Some mighty pulse; from learning's seats
Down to the humblest artisan.

From Britain's throne, where royal men,
Royal in manhood as in state,
Have sat, whose fiat was as fate,
Who held broad Europe in their ken:

Stretching through every grade of life,
Of rank, of station; all degrees,
Clinging like children to the knees
Of this great calmer of our strife.

Not that he boasted Temple's blood,
Not that he matched great Talleyrand;
But everywhere through all the land
They love him—for his heart was good.

Gone, and yet with us—Heaven guide
The ship he piloted so well!
And let succeeding ages tell
The story of his life with pride.

CHAS. SANGSTER.

Kingston, C. W., 1st Nov., 1865.

He who, without call or office, industriously recalls the remembrance of past errors, to confront him who has sincerely repented of them, is heedless and unfeeling.

MISCELLANEA.

THE *Gazette de France* states that the Pope has resolved to establish in England a second archbishopric, of which the seat will be either at Liverpool or Birmingham.

THE Russian archimandrite, Michail, has published in the Russian language, at Moscow, a refutation of Rénan's "Life of Jesus."

It is said that Professor Nohl, of Munich, has recently discovered a hitherto unknown piano-forte composition by Beethoven. It is a piece in A minor, written in the composer's own hand, and is inscribed, "Pour Elise, April 28."

MR. GEORGE GROVE has collected about 3,000l towards the expenses of the Palestine Exploration Fund, and the expedition will shortly start to the scene of its interesting labours.

The most popular new book at the present moment in Paris and Brussels is Victor Hugo's "Chansons des rues et des Bois." In many parts of London large placards of the work may be seen. It has already been calculated that, at the price paid by Mr. Lacroix to Victor Hugo, each line of the work brings in to its author exactly 7½ francs.

A certain firm of publishers in Geneva has projected a Collection of Contemporary Biography on a grand scale; to include the illustrious of the earth, yourself included, if you please. This literary firm is generous; offering you the selection of your own facts, the extent of notice you would like, and the kind of appreciation you prefer. It is all a matter of subscriptions. For eight pounds you may have a page of laudation, for forty pounds ten pages. You have only to pay and you will receive.

THE GERMAN SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY met at the Weimar last Sunday week. The president, Dr. Ulrici, read a report, from which it appears that the efforts of the society to promote the cultivation of the English language and literature in German Universities and colleges have been very successful. A Shakspeare library is being formed, and the first part of a Shakspeare annual has been issued. The second part, which is in preparation, contains articles on "Shakspeare in Germany," "Shakspeare's Sonnets," "Hamlet in France," "Shakspeare and Sophocles," and "Shakspeare, a Catholic Poet."

M. Paris, of Paris, has made one more effort to supersede the ordinary playing cards with a new set, having some artistic beauty and some little sense. His pack is called an historical series, and the designs are certainly fanciful and poetical. Whether they will be attractive to whist-players may be doubted; but they are certainly an ornament to a drawing-room table, and we can imagine ladies and children liking them very much better than the conventional cards.

THE anthropological controversy as to the real relation of man to the gorilla has been raging at the Antipodes. Professor Halford takes the side of Owen, and Huxley is defended by an anonymous "Q." In the columns of the *Melbourne Spectator*, the Royal Society of Victoria supports the former. As may be supposed, the language employed by the Australian combatants is much more violent than what would be admitted in our scientific societies. The elaborate paper of Dr. Halford, printed in the *Australasian* of August 4, is, however, a valuable one.

A son of the late Mr. John Leech has been nominated by Earl Russell to the foundation of the Charter-house, and the youth, it is said, will enter as "a new boy" in the course of the present month.

The new periodical, the *Argosy*, has been projected, it is said, "in the belief that it is now possible to publish a monthly Magazine of the highest class at a lower price than has ever yet been attempted." Issued at the price of sixpence monthly, the new miscellany will contain contributions by the chief writers of fiction and Magazine contributors of the day, and each number will extend to about 100 pages, and will contain two full-page illustrations by eminent artists. Such a publication can, of course, only become remunerative by a very large circulation.