

versity of Chicago" will be read by students everywhere with delight. "Lent among the Mahometans" by Frank G. Carpenter is a careful and timely study, while W. D. Howells gives us one of those delightfully descriptive papers for which he is so justly celebrated under the heading of "A Traveller From Altruria." "Inaugurations and Coronations" by Frederick S. Daniel, however, will be the most generally read since it is of most universal interest, apart from the extremely clever literary and artistic skill in which it abounds. The poetry is ably represented by Sir Edwin Arnold, T. M. Coan, R. Burton, and J. B. Green; and Edwin A. Curley has a political paper on "Democracy and City Government," which, a little pessimistic in tone, presents many valuable suggestions. Periodicals.

The March number of the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* deals almost entirely with the American banking system in its several branches. It is rather difficult at the outset to say what financial topic this number does not treat of, and, it is of practical value to the business men who will be able to obtain a clear grasp of each separate topic from the historical data and economical experiments which have been tried with varying success ever since the national banking system was recommended to Congress by Secretary Chase in 1861. The paper by J. H. Walker on "Banking System—Old and New," who considers that "bonds in banking must go" and that the Walker Bill gives the four things "essential" in paper money: (1) safety, (2) convertibility; ready redemption, (3) elasticity, (4) uniformity; is that of a financial expert. Another excellent article on much the same lines is Henry Bacon's "Basis of Security for National Bank Notes," who agrees that the issue of further federal bonds after the present have been paid off is, however, "a possibility unfortunately not remote nor improbable."

The April number of the *Popular Science Monthly* contains as usual much valuable and interesting matter, opening with a paper on "Science and the Colleges" by President Star Jordan, which was read at the dedication of Science Hall at Champaign, Illinois. The writer justly asserts that the highest education of America is becoming "steeped" in science as an appeal from the assumption that the classics furnish the only gate to culture. Prof. David J. Hill writes on "The Festal Development of Art," in other words the ideal as opposed to the realistic school. Dr. T. Lander Brunton's inaugural address delivered before the Royal Medical College of Edinburgh is reproduced in this number. Prof. E. W. Claypole writes a critical article on Prof. G. F. Wright's latest work on the antiquity of man. Among other contributions, all excellent in their way, from scientific specialists, we have Herbert Spencer's "The Inadequacy of Natural Selection," John Gifford on "Traces of a Vanished Industry," M. Fernand Lagrange on "Free Play in Physical Education," and, besides the editor's table, a biographical notice of Ernest Renan which should not be missed, by Gabriel Monod.

In the March number of the *Political Science Quarterly*, the vexing and perplexed Cuban question is very skillfully handled by Sidney Webster, who defends the much-maligned but nevertheless illustrious Marcy from the irresponsible and malevolent statements which every historian worthy of the name alleges have been used in the newspapers to defame his public character. Prof. J. B. Moore treats of "Sparks' Diplomatic Correspondence of the American Revolution," which was designed to be a permanent public record, and, which, in spite of many errors, is a valuable addition to American history. "Interest in Mandamus Cases" by Prof. F. J. Goodnow will be read with profit by the legal profession. Prof. E. W. Hufcut discusses the recent and threatened extension of officialism in England, which he ably points out includes questions of constitutional right. The Marriage question, or, rather, that of divorce, is become

"A Study in Vital Statistics" at the hands of Prof. W. F. Willcox. "The Influence of Machinery" upon employment is taken up by John A. Hobson, who is of opinion that an increased demand for art and a corresponding reduction in the uses of machinery will only become possible as the public becomes "more individualistic in its consumption." Prof. R. Mays-Smith follows on "Levasseur's La Population Francaise."

### LITERARY AND PERSONAL.

Messrs. Macmillan and Co. announce a sequel to Mr. Wilfred Ward's book about his father at Oxford, published three years ago, which will be entitled W. G. Ward and the Catholic Revival.

Horace Cox, London, will shortly have ready, "Modern (Sporting) Dogs of Great Britain and Ireland," by Rawdon B. Lee, editor of the *Field*. It will be profusely illustrated by collotype prints from drawings by Arthur Wardle.

At the request of many of those who heard Mr. Winter's eulogy on George William Curtis, delivered at the memorial meeting on Staten Island, the address has been printed in the form of a small hook of about 100 pages, with a portrait of Curtis.

Rev. Charles L. Dodgson, author of "Alice in Wonderland," who is a tutor of mathematics at Oxford University, and a bachelor, is said to be almost a recluse. He still manifests an affection for children as strong as that which moved him to write the story which has made his name famous.

Pierre Loti, the novelist, nearly lost his life since the ship which he commands has been on duty on the Spanish border. The author of "Madame Chrysanthemum" has not, it appears, lost his taste for escapades. He was detected on the Spanish side disguised as a woman, and was within an ace of being murdered by the infuriated Spaniards.

S. C. Griggs and Co., Chicago, announce for early publication "Persian Literature, Ancient and Modern," by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Reed. A facsimile of the illuminated title page of a Persian manuscript will enrich the volume, together with a facsimile of a portion of one of the oldest known Zend manuscripts now in possession of the University of Oxford.

Commodore Horatio Bridge, U. S. N. (retired), who died on the 20th of March, aged nearly 87 years, was a graduate of Bowdoin College, in the same class with Hawthorne, Longfellow, George B. Cheever, and John S. C. Abbott. His Recollections of Nathaniel Hawthorne, which Harper and Brothers had already announced for publication, will be brought out in a handsome volume, with portraits, at an early date.

"Homer and Epic" is the title of Mr. Andrew Lang's new book, in which he maintains the unity of the "Iliad," and discusses Wolf's attack by the light of the history of other epics, the "Song of Roland," for example, and the "Kalevala." It will be published at once by Longmans, Green and Co. The same house has in preparation a treatise on "Telephone Lines and their Properties," by Prof. W. J. Hopkins of the Drexel Institute.

Under the title of "Annals of an Old Manor House," the Messrs. Macmillan announce the history of Sutton Place, upon which Mr. Frederick Harrison has been engaged for some years past. The date of the house is 1525, and it is one of the few domestic buildings earlier than the Reformation which remain to a great extent unaltered. The builder was Sir Richard Weston, who for thirty-two years served Henry VIII.

A new book is announced from the pen of Maxwell Gray, the author of "The Silence of Dean Maitland," which the late Bishop Phillips Brooks was in the habit of saying was the most powerful work of fiction ever written. "The Last Sen-

tence" is the striking title of the forthcoming book, which the publishers (Tait, Sons and Company, of New York) affirm is a stronger, more mature, and more intensely interesting creation than the work which established the author's fame.

The library of the late Ahmed Velyk Pasha, the celebrated Turkish statesman and savant who presided over the short-lived Ottoman Parliament, is about to be offered for sale en bloc. It contains 5,500 separate works (13,500 volumes) in nearly all the literary languages of Europe and Asia, together with a considerable number of manuscripts, some of which are said to be curious and valuable. A few copies of the catalogue have been placed at the disposal of the Foreign Embassies and Legations.

Messrs. George Bell and Sons will publish immediately the first volume of the new edition of Pepys's Diary, which is now for the first time to be printed in its complete form. Mr. Mynors Bright, in his edition, left about one-fifth of the whole unprinted, but he transcribed the whole and bequeathed the transcript to Magdalene College, Cambridge. The present edition represents this transcript, a few unprintable passages only being omitted, and will therefore, contain from one-third to one-half more than any other edition of the Diary.

Messrs. Tait Sons and Co. of New York, present one of the cleverest, best arranged and one of the most satisfactory reference catalogues that we remember having received. It is always a pleasure to handle and consult a neat and attractive catalogue, that by its clearness, conciseness and compactness, saves time and lessens labour. Among recent publications of this successful firm we notice "Cosmopolis" by Bourget; "The Victorian Age of English Literature," by Mrs. Oliphant; "The Master Builder," a new play of Ibsen's, and "Pierre and His People" a new novel by our own Gilbert Parker.

Henry Holt and Co. will shortly publish "Literary Criticism for Students," by Prof. Edward T. McLaughlin, of Yale—a volume of selections on literary aesthetics by the best known English critics from Sir Philip Sydney to Walter Pater. They will also publish "Representative English Literature," by Henry S. Pancoast, University Extension Lecturer. This contains a large proportion of literary history, and the selections are somewhat fewer than is usual in such collections, but each is complete in itself. Both volumes are suitable for general reading as well as for classroom use.

Mr. Fred'k. W. Hamilton, of Pawtucket, R. I., has been awarded the first prize of \$150.00 in Public Opinion's (Washington, D. C.) Essay Contest, just closed. The subject on which prizes were offered was "What, if any, changes in the immigration laws are expedient?" There were nearly two hundred essays submitted in competition. The second prize of \$100.00 was taken by Mr. W. E. Weyl, of Philadelphia, and the third prize of \$50.00 went to Mr. Loren H. Knox, of Evanston, Ill. These prize contests on the great questions of the day, inaugurated by Public Opinion, have attracted marked attention.

G. A. Sala recalls a meeting in his youth with the white haired Thackeray, and the strong impression made on him by the novelist's kindness. "I have not forgotten, I hope," he says, "one word of the wise and gentle counsel which Thackeray gave me that night, and how he bade me 'buckle my belt tight,' 'hang out my sign,' and ask him to come and take a chop with me. Some of his forecasts of what I might do if I tried proved to be almost of the nature of a prophecy, and if I may borrow an image from one of the crafts which I practised in my youth, I may say that my heart and mind were to me as he talked even of the nature of a plate of copper, and that, with the acutest he etched and bit in on that plate a rule of work and study and conduct from which I have been enabled these many years past very rarely to deviate."