

## BOOKS FOR THE MONTH.

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*A Second Book in Latin, containing Syntax and Reading Lessons in Prose, forming a sufficient Latin Reader, with Initiative Exercises and a Vocabulary.* By John McLintock, D.D. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1853.

Some time ago we noticed Dr. McLintock's first books in Latin and Greek. The volume before us is designed to form a sequel to the former, and so far as syntax and reading exercises are concerned, this book is admirably suited to the purpose for which it is designed. The reading embodies extensive and well selected extracts from Cæsar and Cicero. The learned author and compiler has made free use in his selections of "Klaiber's Lateinische Christomathie," of "Kroft's Christomathia Ciceroniana," of "Meiring's Memorirbuch," a new Latin book published by Taylor and Walton, London, and Dr. Allen's *Eclogæ Ciceroniana*.

This school book has already been very extensively used in the American academies and colleges, and from Dr. McLintock's reputation as a compiler of School-books, we have no doubt the publication will become more and more popular. In the present age of literary progress, we believe such books are admirably fitted to facilitate and foster the growing taste for philological studies on this continent; and we have much pleasure in recommending the adoption of the learned Dr. McLintock's school-books in our Canadian schools and academies.

*The Boyhood of Great Men, intended as an Example for Youth.* Harper & Brothers, 1853.

This little volume of 385 pages has just made its appearance, and its intention is appropriately defined in its title pages. Our youth require some incentive to awaken and foster their literary ambition. This is the book, of all others, which will accomplish the object.

Embodied in these pages we have a sample of the boyhood of men who have shone in every department of science and literature. Here we have poets, novelists, historians, critics, statesmen, lawyers, astronomers, mathematicians, naturalists, chemists, sailors, soldiers, painters, sculptors, and divines—the whole arranged in nineteen chapters, with a brief sketch of the early biography of each.

*Home Pictures.* By Mrs. Mary Andrews Denison. Harper & Brothers, New York, 1852.

In this neat little volume, dedicated to the husband of the authoress—who is a clergyman—we have many beautiful and apt descriptions of the scenes of domestic bliss. The contents of this engaging volume appeared some time ago in the pages of a literary paper, while the authoress was the assistant editor of "The Olive Branch," of Boston, Massachusetts. They are now collected under the writer's own revision, and placed before the world in the present, a more permanent form; and from the glowing, descriptive style of the authoress, we are inclined to think they will furnish a source of most profitable and ininteresting family reading.

HARPER &amp; BROTHER, NEW YORK.

Among the most recent issues by the Harpers, we have *Discoveries among the Ruins of Nineveh* by Austin H. Layard, M.P., one large octavo of nearly 600 pages, with magnificently executed engravings and charts.

The managers of the British Museum, as our readers are aware, recently sent this distinguished explorer and scholar out to prosecute his researches in Assyria—his former volume having been so popular, and its results having contributed in such an eminent degree to enrich the literature of our day, by the reviving and deciphering of many of the hieroglyphics of ancient times and eastern countries.

Major Robinson and Rev. Dr. Hincks, rector of Killaleagh, have aided the learned and adventurous explorer in deciphering many of the most obscure and hitherto unintelligible symbols which have been discovered in these researches. The book just issued has made no ordinary noise in the mother country. Being at once an epitomized journal of his travels, and a grand repository of ancient learning, the work will be read with a great degree of interest by every one who has the least inclination to acquaint himself with the ancient literature, manners, and customs of the East.

But there is yet a higher purpose which Mr. Layard's work will serve. It throws an immense amount of light on the ancient Jewish Scriptures—in so far as it exhibits that many of the manners and customs, which obtained among the eastern nations, were adopted by the Jewish people—worked into their domestic and social polity, and are alluded to in the sacred volume of Inspired Writ.

*Civil Wars in France during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries: a History of France principally during that period.* By Leopold Rankè, author of the History of the Popes of Rome during the above period. Harper and Brothers. Translated by M. A. Gorvey.

The learned author of the "History of the Popes of Rome," no doubt in collecting and compiling the material out of which he elaborated that great work, had a good deal of refuse, and out of it he has given us a most interesting and truly valuable History of France during the same period. Whilst Rankè has written the book, no doubt with a view in some degree of economizing his material, he has done an essential service to the literature of France.

The great advantage of this work is simply this—the author is a German, and he looks at France during the period of which he writes, not from any narrow national point, but he looks at this country in her relations to and dependence on, other countries—indebted to England for her monarchy, to Germany for her attempts at reformation, to Italy for her arts, and to the whole world for the elements of strife and discontent which have so long rent her asunder. But again—the period of which Rankè writes embraces distinguished persons, who do not belong to France only but to the whole world—e.g., Francis I., Catherine de Medicis, the two Guises, the great Bourbon Henry IV., Mary de Medicis, Mazarin, and Louis XIV.; so that any foreigner,