

merely cursory perusal. Mr. Winwood Reade's short preface of Dr. Schweinforth's work exhibits the advantages which a scientific botanist and experienced draughtsman has over amateurs in those departments, in making his discoveries more complete and valuable. Being, as Mr. Reade says, an interesting contribution to the problem of the Nile, it will be eagerly welcomed by geographical readers, while it sets at rest, authoritatively, problems advanced and discussed by earlier explorers.

We have received * Wilkie Collins' *Antonina, or the Fall of Rome*, in which he weaves a romance upon the unpromising framework of historical facts: *The Law of Evolution*: in which Dr. Winchell advances arguments for, and reflections on, the *Law of Evolution*. The *Annual Record of Science and Industry*, edited by Dr. Spencer F. Baird, of the Smithsonian Institution, assisted by the principal scientists of the United States, gives at some length the results of the past year in Physics, Medicine, Mechanics, Astronomy, Agriculture, and what is of some value to this country, Pisciculture, and other branches worth noting. This is the third of an annual series, and deserves warm encouragement.

The latest of Victor Hugo's works, *Ninety-three*, * is doubly entertaining, both for its own surpassing interest, and for its now aged writer's sake. The bold style of the writer seems as fresh as ever, and is marked by a sprightliness and vivacity, purely French, that never seems to have grown old.

R. CARTER & BROTHERS' PUBLICATIONS: NEW YORK.—We have received this month from the now celebrated pen of the Rev. E. Bickersteth (author of "Yesterday, To-day, and Forever,") *The Reef and other parables*. They are all most beautiful and striking in their application, and are in every way worthy of their author.

Willow Brook, and *The Little Camp*, two books by the popular author of the "Wide, Wide World."

The New Scholars, and *Birthday Gift*, from Johanna Mathews, author of the "Bessie Books."

Lionel St. Clair, *Children's Tabernacle*, two of A.L.O.E.'s countless stories.

Maggie's Mistake, a school-girl's story, by L. Frolich; and *Giuseppe's Home*, another of the Golden Ladder Series," by Thera Mathews; also the *National Temperance Orator*, published by the New York Temperance Society.

Aimée, a Tale of the Days of James II., and *Diary of Isoult Barry*.

Two pictures of English History are before us; the one a historical romance, the other the diary of Isoult Barry, carefully compiled from historical documents, and written in somewhat antique style. The romance, by Agnes Giberne, will naturally carry with it more interest, the tale being founded on incidents occurring at a later period of time than those of the diary, and though short, is interesting.

THE BRITISH REVIEWS.—Messrs. Hart & Rawlinson, of this city, send us from the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, of New York, the October number of the *Edinburgh Review*—the last one for the year—which has, as usual with this *Review*, an attractive table of contents:—I. "Scharnhorst," or a sketch of General von Scharnhorst, the regenerator of the army after Prussia had been shorn of half her dominions by the first Napoleon. II. "Carlaverock" Castle, in Dumfriesshire, the stronghold of the Maxwell family, whose romantic and tragic histories are here briefly sketched. III. "English Fugitive Songs and Lyrics." IV. "The Census of France in 1872." Art. V. "Comets and Meteors." Art. VI. "Convocation, Parliament, and the Prayer-Book." Art. VII. treats of the "Origin and History of the Grenadier Guards." VIII. "Renan's Antichrist." IX. "Journal of Mr. Charles Greville," Clerk of the Privy Council through the reigns of George IV. and William IV., is full of anecdotes and extracts from conversations. X. "The Session and the Disraeli Ministry." Our readers will do well to provide themselves for the coming year with one or all of the periodicals reprinted by the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, and furnished by Messrs Hart & Rawlinson, King Street West. They are as follows:—*The London*

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THE ALDINE for November has reached us. It contains the usual variety of matter, illustrated with several exquisite wood-engravings. The agents in Toronto will gladly receive subscriptions for the coming year. We can cordially commend the publication. Want of space precludes a fuller notice.

Mr. Buchan's "FLORA OF HAMILTON AND NEIGHBOURHOOD" has been received. It gives a most interesting and valuable sketch of the botany of that part of the Province. We regret want of space for a more extended notice.

XI. Departmental Notices.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

With respect to the Entrance Examinations for High Schools, it is to be observed that a pupil who passes the entrance examination at any High School may enter another school without re-examination.

TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES EXPIRING IN DECEMBER.

In consequence of the December Examinations having been discontinued by the Legislature, the teachers whose certificates will expire in December, 1874, can have them specially renewed by the Inspectors. The holders of such certificates can thus be regarded as legally qualified teachers till the July Examination of 1875, as such teachers will have no earlier opportunity of obtaining new certificates from the County Boards.

XII. Advertisement.

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