

Octave Feuillet is to write the romance of Eugenie from notes furnished by herself.

Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co., of Toronto, have just published two volumes of Canadian poetry, viz: "Songs of Winter," by J. K. Liston; and "Win-on-ah and other poems," by J. R. Ramsay.

An English journal says:—Mr. Shirley Brooks, the writer of the *Essence of Parliament* in *Punch*, is dangerously ill.—No further tidings have yet been heard of Dr. Livingstone.—A new journal is about to be published devoted entirely to matrimonial matters, advertisements for husbands and wives, correspondence, etc.

The first visit of Agassiz to the United States was in the autumn of 1846. His object was two-fold: First to make himself familiar with the natural history and geology of this country, in fulfilment of a mission suggested to the King of Prussia by Humboldt, and secondly to deliver a course of lectures before the Lowell Institute in Boston. Since the date above given, the biography of Agassiz belongs to the scientific history of the United States.

The *Garden Oracle* for 1870 is announced for early publication. The speciality of the forthcoming issue is a new and select list of the choicest dessert fruits, so arranged as to indicate the seasons when they severally attain perfection, the mode of culture, and their respective adaptation to large and small gardens, to forcing and high fruit growing establishments, and the most humble and unpretending amateur's garden.

Carlyle has about £30,000, all of which he has made by his pen.

Prentice calls George Francis Train "a cipher hunting a figure to pass for something."

Fields, Osgood & Co's. edition of Wm. Cullen Bryant's *Homer* is a most handsome volume. Bryant's translation takes the highest rank, and is pronounced by competent judges to surpass those of Earl Derby and Pope.

Few are probably aware of the fate of Lord Byron's heart. After his death at Missolonghi in 1822, his body was embalmed and sent to England, but the heart was begged and obtained by the Greeks, who enclosed it in a silver case. Four years later, after the protracted siege of Missolonghi, a sallying party, carrying the relic with them, cut away, with great sacrifice of life, through the Turkish lines; but the heart was lost in crossing the marshes.

The discovery of Junius, so often announced, has at length, it is said, been placed beyond doubt by the researches of the Hon. Edward Twisleton, of England, who has for the first time called in the aid of a scientific expert in handwriting, the well known Mr. Ch. Chabot. The results will shortly be made public, together with *fac similes* of the autographs of Junius' Letters to Woodfall and George Grenville.

A Boston chronicler thus writes of "the passing of Arthur:"

So Arthur passed
From the St. James Hotel to Peabody,
And thence to Ottawa, where no one comes
Or hath come since the making of the world,
If he could help it.