

utterances were these words, "My condition just now is very low—not my spirits. I am peaceful, I may say happy, quietly and contentedly waiting to see how it will go with me. How delightful it is, notwithstanding

the humbling and sorrowful consciousness of defects and sins, to look back upon a life spent for Christ. I thank a sovereign God I am not without some degree of this."

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NOTES ON LITERATURE, &c., &c.

CURRENT LITERATURE.

—The first volume of the ninth edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" is now to hand in Toronto.

—Tennyson's "Idylls of the King" have just been translated into Swedish under the title "Konung Arthur och hans riddare" (King Arthur and his Knights.)

—Dr. Hill Burton, the historian of Scotland, is engaged upon a new work to be entitled "A History of Great Britain during the Reign of Queen Anne."

—It is stated that the new work upon which Mr. Gladstone is engaged is an essay on marriage, with special reference to the alleged sacramental character of that institution.

—Mr. Swinburne is working at his long projected essay on the several stages of Shakespeare's work, based on a study of the progress and development of his style and metre.

—Mr. Froude has returned to England from the Cape of Good Hope. Mr. Anthony Trollope intends leaving England on the 5th prox., for Melbourne, remaining at Ceylon, a fortnight *en route*.

—The Emperor William has forwarded to Miss C. G. Hudson, of London, the authoress of "The Life and Times of Queen Louisa of Prussia," a valuable bracelet, with a portrait of his mother.

—Prof. Henry Morley, the author of the excellent "First Sketch of English Literature," is engaged in the preparation of a work, the object of which will be to illustrate English

literature throughout its gradual development. The book will be published in serial form.

—Dr. Richard Morris's excellent little shilling Primer on "English Grammar" has been selling in London at the rate of two thousand copies a month since it was published. The author is now engaged on a companion volume, a shilling Primer of the "History of the English Language," a book which is much needed.

—It is stated that Mr. Moncure D. Conway has been specially engaged by the London *Daily News* to proceed to Africa and explore the interior. Mr. Conway is the well-known author of "The Earthward Pilgrimage," and "Sacred Anthology," and is the London correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial*.

—Messrs. Harper's American edition of "Livingstone's Last Journals" has had a large sale. Like the English edition, it was published for the benefit of Dr. Livingstone's children, and the Messrs. Harper's have already forwarded \$5,000 to England for the family. The work is being translated into French and German.

—The poetical works of the late Mr. Sydney Dobell (Sidney Vendys) will be published in London about the end of this month. The work will be in two volumes, with a portrait, and an *in memoriam* notice. Mr. Dobell has left a mass of papers, chiefly on philosophical and political subjects, which will before long be arranged for publication.

—Cornelia Knight was closely con-