

fessor Jannaris contributes an article of especial interest to our modern Grecians. Sir C. Gavan Duffy concludes his series of contributions on "Conversations and Correspondence with Thomas Carlyle," with perhaps the most interesting of them all. In conclusion the editor of the *Review* pays a short but sterling tribute to the "great contributor" his review has lost in the death of Mr. Freeman.

PROFESSOR RAINY in his scholarly notice of "The Incarnation of God," Bampton Lectures for 1891, by Rev. Charles Gore, M.A., in the April number of the *Critical Review*, estimates the worth of the book in this way: "It shows the reader how the faith of the Incarnation holds its place in a reflective mind which is sensitive to modern ways of thinking, both in truth and duty, and which would deal candidly with those elements of the time, and give them their proper place." In reviewing Professor Max Müller's Gifford lectures for 1891, Professor Macalister says of their teaching: "This Neo-Christianity lacks the great central power of the real Christianity, the personal living Christ, the divine Saviour of men. In place of the bread of the real Son of God incarnate, crucified and risen, it gives us the stone of a sham Christ, one of a cycle of human reformers." Many other recent theological works of high character are reviewed by able specialists in their various departments of culture and research. The *Critical Review* has won for itself a position as one of the foremost exponents of the best theological and philosophical thought of the day.

PROFESSOR SCHAFF treats "The Calvinistic System" courteously but critically in the leading paper in the *Andover Review* for April. He says of it: "The Calvinistic system involves a positive truth, the election to eternal life by free grace; and a negative inference, the reprobation to eternal death by arbitrary justice. The former is the strength, the latter is the weakness, of the system." The Rev. Charles Dickinson considers "The Perfecting of Jesus" somewhat after the historical method of Beyschlag. The Rev. Frank R. Shipman in his able contribution on "The Fountains of Authority in Religion" holds that "America's theological strife is, and is to be, between a theory of self-illumination in the moral and spiritual life and a theory of the Bible's peremptory authority." In the first of a series of articles from representatives of different religious communions the Rev. Frederic Palmer, for the Episcopal Church, says: "Just as the true foundation of government consists in the due balance of centralization with localization, so the true basis of every church must be institutionalism, representing the organic idea, in due proportion with individualism, asserting the worth of the isolated will." Other instructive matter will also be found in this number.

LITERARY AND PERSONAL GOSSIP.

GEORGE McDONALD, the novelist, has been preaching lately in London.

JULES VERNE has been very ill, and is, at present, doing no literary work.

GEORGE MEREDITH has been made an LL.D. by the University of St. Andrew.

MR. SWINBURNE is understood to have in the press a tragedy on a Northumbrian theme called "The Sisters."

DR. BERNHARD TEN BRINK, Professor of English Philology in the University of Strassburg, died Jan. 29.

MR. ALEXANDER'S forthcoming book is a love-story called "For Pity's Sake," the scene being laid in a cathedral town.

MR. WALTER BESANT'S new volume of stories is to bear the extraordinary title of "Verbenia Camellia Stephanotis."

LITERARY publications in Germany last year numbered 18,875, of which 1,763 were theological, and 1,731 novels, poems, and dramas.

PROFESSOR CLARK, of Trinity College, is to deliver the first of a series of lectures at the Church of Zion and St. Timothy in New York, on the 24th inst.

WALTER BLACKBURNE HARTE is the author of a story entitled "Ambition on Crutches" which will be published by the United Publishing Company of Boston.

VICTOR HUGO wrote standing at a high desk; the elder Dumas worked with his shirt-sleeves rolled up; the present Dumas writes with a quill on blue paper.

W. E. HENLEY has edited a new edition of Florio's translation of Montaigne, which will be published in Edinburgh with a study of Florio's style by Mr. George Saintsbury.

EDNA LYALL has entirely recovered from her long illness, and she is once more at work. She is now writing a novel which is to appear in one of the magazines as a serial next year.

MR. KIPLING is credited with having arranged to write a series of letters, descriptive of his travels, for a London daily, to appear, also, simultaneously in other English-speaking centres.

PROFESSOR F. VON WIESER'S recent essay on the "Theory of Value," which has been issued by the *American Academy of Political and Social Science*, is a valuable contribution to Political Economy.

A POSTHUMOUS story by Wolcott Balestier, "Captain, my Captain!" will be printed complete in the *Century* for

May. It is said to be the last short story to appear from his pen of this gifted and fated writer.

EDGERTON CASTLE'S important work on "Schools and Masters of Fence," which has heretofore only been obtainable in an expensive 4to form, will shortly be issued by Macmillan and Company as a volume in the Bohn Library.

WORTHINGTON COMPANY, 747 Broadway, New York, announce for immediate publication as No. 13 in the Rose Library "Felix Lanzberg's Expiation," by Ossip Schubin, author of "Asbein," the musical novel, translated by Élise L. Lathrop.

BOTH admirers and critics of Spencer will be interested in the paper on "Herbert Spencer and the Synthetic Philosophy," in the May *Popular Science Monthly*. The writer, Mr. William H. Hudson, was formerly private secretary to Mr. Spencer. The paper contains a statement of the relation between the work of Darwin and that of Spencer.

EVIDENCE of the increasing interest in the works of American authors since the passage of the International Copyright Act is given by the fact that the entire first edition of F. Marion Crawford's new novel, "The Three Fates," was disposed of by Macmillan and Company on the day of publication. The same firm announce a new edition of S. Dana Horton's "Silver in Europe."

THE CASSELL PUBLISHING COMPANY take pleasure in announcing a new novel by Julien Gordon (Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger) entitled "Marionettes." It is said to be the strongest work that has yet come from her pen. They also announce "Sybil Knox; or, Home Again: A Story of To-day," by Edward Everett Hale; and Mrs. L. T. Mead's new story "Out of the Fashion," in their international series.

"ROUND THE COMPASS IN AUSTRALIA," by Gilbert Parker, is announced. It is said to comprise a general review of Australian affairs brought up to date; a fascinating and faithful description of life in the towns and cities, as in the heart of the continent; notes on the public men of the country; and a discussion of industries, development, and past, present, and prospective sources of wealth. It is to be well illustrated.

ALTHOUGH Professor Freeman was not spared to complete his larger "History of Sicily," for which he was really gathering material when he died, he has left a short general history of Sicily, so far as he knew it, in a volume written for Mr. Fisher Unwin's "The Story of the Nations" series. It will be entitled "Sicily: Phœnician, Greek and Roman." Instead of scampering his work, as suggested, the historian insisted even upon preparing his own index; "nobody," he held, "can make an index but the author himself."

THE CASSELL PUBLISHING COMPANY offer the public something entirely new in a novel, which they are about to publish, called "The Fate of Fenella." This story is from the pens of twenty-four popular authors. The names of these twenty-four are a guarantee of the interest of the work. They are: Helen Mathers, Frank Danby, Justin H. McCarthy, M.P., Mrs. Edward Kennard, Frances Eleanor Trollope, Richard Dowling, A. Conan Doyle, Mrs. Hungerford, May Crommelin, Arthur A'Beckett, F. C. Phillips, Jean Middlemass, "Rira," Clement Scott, Joseph Hatton, Clo. Graves, Mrs. Lovett Cameron, H. W. Lucy, Bram Stoker, Adeline Sergeant, Florence Marryat, G. Manville Fenn, "Tasma," and F. Anstey. The first chapter was written by Helen Mathers, the author of "Coming Thro' the Rye," and then passed on to Justin McCarthy, who read it, wrote the second chapter, and in turn passed it on. So it went until it reached the author of "Vice-Versa," who brought the story to a propitious close. There was no consultation among the authors, and each and all were equally ignorant as to the development of the plot.

THE Authors' Club has passed from the preliminary stage to that of actual existence. The Club is founded upon a Limited Joint Stock Company, already established and registered, the possession of a single share in which will serve in lieu of entrance fee. The shares in the Company are limited to 600 of £5 each, of which it is not anticipated that more than £3 will ever be called up, and the shares will be allotted upon application in the usual form by the directors. The Company is not a commercial one, its directors receive no fees, and all profits will accrue to the Club. When the first 600 shares are applied for and allotted, the election of members will be according to usual club law, by proposer, seconder, payment of entrance fee, and election by the General Committee. The share-holding members, therefore, will possess an advantage over ordinary members. The annual subscription is fixed at four guineas, and the entrance fee at ten guineas, the usual facilities and remissions being extended to country members. The number of members is fixed at 600, and the Club house will be as near that centre of the civilized world, Piccadilly Circus, as possible. Almost every name of men at once eminent (and clubbable) in every branch of letters—scientific, informative, or recreative—and in the ranks of the higher journalism, is upon the list of the General Committee of the Club, and its first directors are Lord Monkswell, Mr. Walter Besant, Mr. H. Tedder (the well-known secretary and librarian of the Athenæum), and Mr. Oswald Crawford, C.M.G. (chairman). The qualifications for membership are that a man should be a British subject, or a citizen of the United States; an author, in the widest acceptance of the term; a contributor to a leading periodical; or a journalist of

established position. Application for shares can be made to the Company's bankers, Messrs. Barclay and Co., No. 1 Pall Mall, or to the chairman, who may also be applied to for any general information, at the temporary office of the Authors' Club, Queen Anne's Mansions, S.W.—*The London Literary World*.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

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- Crawford, F. Marion. *The Three Fates*. \$1.00. London: Macmillan & Co. Toronto: Hart & Co.
- Dennis, John. *The Aldine Edition*. Scott Vol. IV. London: Geo. Bell & Son.
- Forbes, Arch., LL.D. *Barracks, Bivouacs and Battles*. \$1.50. London: Macmillan & Co.; Toronto: Williamson & Co.
- Helm, Ludwig Verner. *Pioneering in the Far East*. London: W. H. Allen & Co.; Toronto: Williamson & Co.

A FAMOUS Chicago lawyer once had a singular case to settle. A physician came to him in great distress. Two sisters, living in the same house, had babies of equal age, who so resembled each other that their own mothers were unable to distinguish them when they were together. Now it happened that by the carelessness of the nurse the children had become mixed, and how were the mothers to make sure that they received back their own infants? "But perhaps," said the lawyer, "the children weren't changed at all." "Oh, but there's no doubt that they were changed," said the physician. "Are you sure of it?" "Perfectly." "Well, if that's the case, why don't you change them back again? I don't see any difficulty in the case."

THE annual report of the Indian Affairs Department was presented to the Dominion Parliament on March 8. It places the entire Indian population of the Canadian Dominion at 121,638 souls. During the past year tranquility has prevailed among the tribes, but the influenza epidemic had disastrous effects and caused many deaths. The Indians in the North-West Territories are making great progress towards becoming self-supporting; they are less inclined to a nomadic life and are taking to agriculture. The agents of the Department have won the confidence of the Indians by their kindness and patience. Education is also advancing, and no fewer than 7,554 Indian children are attending the Government schools. Altogether the outlook is described as most favourable.

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