

in the proposed excavation of Sèn, the Zoan of the Bible, the Janis of the Greeks, a city that has been aptly called "The Trebes of the Delta." Archæologists are hopeful of finding in it the lost history of the mysterious Hyskou, or Shepherd-Kings. The Rev. W. C. Winslow, of 429 Beacon St., Boston, has issued a circular inviting assistance for the project.

THE prospectus of the Philological Society's English Dictionary, edited by Dr. Murray and published at the Clarendon Press, may be had from any of the leading booksellers. Part I. A-A NT (pp. xvi. 352) of this extraordinary work which has been in preparation for more than a quarter of a century, has lately been published. We hope to be able to give it an extended notice in our next issue.

THE paper by W. H. Schuyler on "Academy Endowments" in *Lippincott's Magazine* for June is the one to which professional readers will turn first. Mr. Schuyler makes a strong plea in behalf of the extension of endowments as leading to more permanence and establishing a better grade of scholarship. Dr. Oswald's interesting and valuable papers on "Healthy Homes" are continued. *Lippincott's Magazine* is always readable.

PERHAPS the most interesting paper in *The Eclectic* (E. R. Pelton, New York) for June is Matthew Arnold's famous lecture on "Numbers." The classical scholar will also turn eagerly to "The Origin of the Alphabet" by Henry Bradley, and will not be disappointed. In spite of Mr. Swinburne, in "Wordsworth and Byron," the world will go on considering Byron a great poet. The man who has only the *Eclectic* to read will be sure to read the June number through, and be regretful that it is not longer.

WE are indebted to Vice-President Wilson for a copy of the proceedings and transactions of the Royal Society of Canada, Vol. I. (1882-1883). This superb volume, which is a credit to the publishing house of Messrs. Dawson Brothers, Montreal, deserves, both from its origin and its intrinsic merits, an extended notice at our hands. For the present this must be deferred, but in the meantime we can assure our High School friends that there are many papers in it of great interest to all reading men. It would not be amiss if the authorities would place a copy in every High School library.

THE professional as well as the general reader will be glad to learn that Dr. Hodgins, the Deputy-Minister of Education, has in preparation, though not for immediate publication, "The Educational System of Ontario," a corollary to his "Story of My Life," by Dr. Ryerson. Though the publi-

cation of the book will of necessity revive bitter controversies it is perhaps not well to delay publication too long. The present generation is far more interested in Dr. Ryerson than the next can possibly be. Dr. Hodgins will be glad to receive any original letters of Dr. Ryerson likely to be useful in preparing the narrative.

THE student of English literature who would like to see a slashing reply to ill-natured critics should read Richard Grant White's "Anatomizing of William Shakespeare," in *The Atlantic Monthly*. No Shakespearean scholar knows better what he is writing about: than the editor of the *Riverside Shakespeare*, and teachers of English in the High Schools should not miss what he has to say in these papers. Besides the excellent stories, "A Roman Singer" and "In War Time," "The Trail of the Sea-Serpent" and "Thomas Gold Appleton" will attract all readers. We must direct attention once more to the ever excellent "Books of the Month."

MESSRS. HARPERS assure us that they are striving to surpass all previous efforts in their publications, *The Monthly*, *The Banner*, *The Weekly*, and *Young People*, though it is difficult to see where any improvement is possible. In the June *Monthly* there is among other papers a very interesting and capably illustrated paper on "Biarritz." "The New York Custom House" by Wheatley, gives a good idea of the mysteries of fiscal regulations in a great sea-port. "Nature's Serial Story" goes on delightfully as does "Judith Shakespeare." Perhaps all scholars will turn first to "The Dagger: a story of the time of Sextus Pompey." We recommend once more to our boys and girls *Harper's Young People* as a most useful and entertaining paper.

THE issues of *The Popular Science Monthly* (D. Appleton & Co., New York, \$5.00 a year), for May and June, contain the usual array of valuable and interesting papers on scientific topics. Herbert Spencer's trenchant paper on "The Sins of Legislators" runs through both numbers. When all the articles reach a high standard of excellence it is difficult to particularize; but we may mention as being likely to prove interesting to our readers the papers: "The Progress of the Working Classes in the Last Half Century"; "The Morality of Happiness"; "A Sketch of Mary Somerville," in the May, and "Modes of Reproduction in Plants"; "The Life Work of Pasteur," and "Clean Drinking Water," in the June number. *The Popular Science Monthly* requires no praise, and the teacher is to be congratulated who can count it amongst his regular reading matter.