

The *Athenæum* says: "Professor de Gubernoti, author of a History of Sacerdotal Celibacy, has just put forth (in Italy) his History of Nuptial Customs in Italy compared with those of the other Indo-European nations."

Dr. Newman, it is confidently reported, is busy on a new work upon Rationalism, and the first part of it may be expected shortly. The title of the work is not announced at present.

A new comic paper will shortly be published, conducted by Mr. Robert Abraham, late editor of *Judy*, who will be assisted by some of the principal members of the last named journal's staff.

A new play, in which Mr. Dickens' Micawber will be the principal character, announced as in preparation at the Olympic, is from the pen of Mr. Andrew Halliday. Mr. Halliday or the manager has chosen for the part of Micawber a Mr. G. F. Rowe, who comes with an Australian reputation.

The publication of *Now-a-Days*, a journal which numbers some able contributors, and is devoted to the interests of women, is deferred to the 1st of December. The Magazine will then be enlarged.

The *Broadway* and the *North British Review* have changed their editors.

South Simeoe *News* publishes a "five act poem" of original manufacture.

Professor Beck's Hymn, written for the inauguration of Goethe's monument, has been set to music by Professor Rheinberger.

The Countess Ratazzi (Princess de Solhuss) is occupied in writing the words and music of an opera entitled "Byron," describing the career of the great poet.

The following is copied from a Cork paper:—"Erratum: The words printed '*pigs and cows*' in Mr. Parker's letter on the land question, which appeared in yesterday's issue, should have been '*pros and cons.*'"

SIR CHARLES WENTWORTH DILKE, who is now in Russia, proposes to publish the results of his travels and studies in that country. He intends to deal more especially with the question of the emancipation of the serfs; and in order to make a thorough investigation he will return to the country next year. His book will probably not be published till the spring of 1871.

A candidate at Cambridge being asked who Wycliffe was, and having doubtless heard him called the morning star of the Reformation, and that he died Vicar of Lutterworth, answered that the great Reformer "was for some time editor of the *Morning Star*, and died Vicar of Wakefield."

The REV. G. L'ESTRANGE and the REV. W. HARNESS are jointly busy on a memoir of Miss Mary Russell Mitford.

"Literary body-snatcher" is what the Norfolk *Virginian* calls Mrs. Stowe.

The London Stereoscopic Company have published a photograph from the cast of the face of Shakspeare, taken after death, in the year 1616. The cast is in the private possession of Professor Owen.