

OUR TABLE.

ILLUSTRATED BOTANY—EDITED BY JOHN B. NEWMAN, M.D.

THE Student of the Science of Botany, as well as those whose "passion for flowers" is rather of the heart than of the head—will hail this work with pleasure. It is intended to appear as a monthly Periodical, and will be embellished with splendid coloured engravings of the most beautiful and interesting of the flowers and plants which come under the notice of the Editor. The numbers before us, if they may be taken as specimens, give flattering promise of the work as a whole. From four to six of these elegantly coloured flowers will adorn each separate number. The Editor is a medical gentleman, whose tastes have led him to explore the mysteries of the Floral Kingdom, and the gatherings of his researches and experience he has been induced to lay before the world. The result will be equally creditable to him, and useful to the Botanist as well as to the less scientific cultivator of flowers, to whom we cheerfully commend it.

Subscriptions will be received at the Bookstore of Messrs. R. & A. Miller, Place d'Armes, where specimens may be seen.

PICTORIAL HISTORY OF ENGLAND.

IN England, where this work appeared originally, it was highly spoken of, not less on account of the accuracy and discrimination which distinguished the history itself as well as the explanatory remarks, than for the neatness and elegance of the manner in which the mechanical part of the work was executed. Indeed, in every point of view, the book was well entitled to, and received the public admiration, and a large edition was rapidly sold, even at the comparatively high price with which books, in England, are necessarily charged.

Messrs. Harper & Brothers of New York, have in press, and are issuing in semi-monthly parts, an American edition of the "Pictorial History," which, if not quite equal in outward seeming to the original, is still got up very handsomely indeed. Many of the wood engravings,—and it is profusely embellished—are equal to those of the English edition, and the letter press is unexceptionable. The names of the publishers are a guarantee for the care and faithfulness with which the book itself will be copied from the original. The price at which it is offered is such as to offer

a great inducement to purchase. Those who desire to become possessed of this most valuable book on the easiest possible terms, will find it at the Bookstore of Messrs. Miller, Place d'Armes.

THE CRUSADERS' HYMN BEFORE JERUSALEM.

IN a previous page we have copied from the New York Albion a poem from the pen of Mr. Breckanridge of Kingston, the gentleman to whom the public are indebted for the beautiful lines, under the title of "Moodkee and Ferozeshaw," which appeared in the last number of the Garland. The poem is extracted from a volume which has been lately published by Mr. Breckanridge, under the title of "The Crusades, and other Poems." We have not yet seen it, but we are certain, from what we have seen of Mr. Breckanridge's writings, that it will adorn the literature of this Continent, and, we would fain hope, win for the author a "European reputation."

NEW TOPOGRAPHICAL AND PICTORIAL MAP OF THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

WE have received from the publisher Mr. Mackay, 127 Notre Dame Street, a copy of this really useful, and equally ornamental work, and it affords us sincere gratification to be able to add our testimony, both as to its accuracy and beauty, to that of all of our contemporaries who have already spoken of it. The work, we understand, occupied nearly three years of Mr. James Cane's time in the Survey, and from what we know of many parts of the City, he seems to have performed his part both faithfully and effectively.

The ground plan of every block of buildings is distinctly laid down, and also every detached building which existed up to the completion of the Survey, and all the new streets, and separate lots of land, which have been laid out for building purposes are clearly and elegantly delineated. The border is beautifully ornamented with vignettes of various Public Buildings, and a panoramic view of the City from the Canal to the Foot of the Current, extends along the full length of the bottom of the map. Upon the whole the work is superior to anything of the kind that has heretofore been executed in Canada, and we can most cordially recommend it to the support of all who feel an interest in the prosperity of Montreal, and consequently necessary development of its present state and capabilities.