

trine of absolute equality and to ameliorate social conditions.

"His Majesty's Greatest Subject" is the title of a dramatic romance in India, the scene of which is laid in the future. It is full of exciting adventure and possesses at the same time some historical significance. It is the work of a new English author, S. S. Thorburn, and will be published shortly by the Appletons.

The same firm announces that Abraham Cahan's romance of east side New York "Yekl," that created such a stir a few months ago, has been republished in England and has aroused a like interest there, a number of the prominent English papers having given it extended notices and in most cases the warmest commendation.

The friends of "Mr. Bill Williams," of "Little Ike Templin," of "Billy Downs and his Likes," of "Primes and their Neighbors," will be interested in a new book by the author of "Dukesborough Tales," etc., under the title "Old Times in Middle Georgia," by R. Malcolm Johnston, which is to be published shortly by the Macmillan Co. It is a volume of short stories, illustrating a phase of life in middle Georgia now almost entirely of the past.

Prof. W. M. Ramsey, who has traveled extensively in Turkey for special purposes of study, and is well known by his former books, entitled "St. Paul the Traveler" and "The Church in the Roman Empire before A.D. 170," has in press with the Putnams a new volume entitled "The Impressions of Turkey," made up from the valuable materials gathered in preparing the earlier volumes. It is interesting to note in the preface by Prof. Ramsay what he says in reference to the American missionaries in Turkey: "Beginning with a prejudice against their work, I was driven by the force of facts and experience to the opinion that the mission has been the strongest, as well as the most beneficent, influence in causing the movement towards civilization, which has been perceptible in varying degrees among all the peoples of Turkey, but which has been zealously opposed and almost arrested by the present Sultan with the support of the six European armies." The book will be ready in July.

In their Hudson Library, the Putnams will issue soon a new volume by Mrs. Oliphant, entitled "The Ways of Life," and comprising two stories, the "Wonderful History of Mr. Robert Dalziel," and "Mr. Sanford." Another forthcoming volume in the Hudson Library will be "Margot," by Sidney Pickering, the author of "The Romance of His Picture."

Longmans, Green & Co. expect to have ready in July two novels; an historical

romance entitled "Chevalier D'Auriac," by S. Leavett Yeats, issued in the same style as the author's former story "The Honor of Savelli," and a new story by Edna Lyall, entitled "Wayfaring Men."

THE POSTAL UNION.

THE meeting at Washington last month of representatives from every country in the Postal Union got through the following items of business:

First—The principal treaty, which includes the entry of Corea into the Postal Union; the declaration of the Orange Free State (which failed to send a delegate to Washington) that it hoped soon to enter the union; and the declaration of the Chinese Empire (which was represented in the congress) that it will observe the regulations of the union as soon as the organization of its service permits.

Second—The conditions in which the countries of the union will pay reciprocally the intermediary transit rates have been facilitated, and tariff diminished quite materially on a graduated scale for the ensuing six years.

Third—Uniform colors have been projected for postage stamps.

Fourth—Postal cards unpaid are subject to a double tax, that is, 4c. in the place of the former tax, which was 10c., the same as for unpaid letters.

Fifth—Circulars produced on a machine (typewritten) in quantities of twenty circulars, all of the same character, are admitted to the international mails at the same rates as printed circulars.

Sixth—Samples of merchandise are admitted up to 350 grams.

Seventh—Objects of natural history, animals, dried plants, or preserved geological specimens, are admitted as samples.

Eighth—The question of the creation of a universal postage stamp was brought up and the proposition defeated on account of the difficulties which would occur in putting into practice that important innovation, especially because of the diversity of currency standards.

Ninth—Special arrangements concerning packages of declared value, postal orders, books of identity, and subscriptions to journals have been thoroughly revised. This country is not actually concerned in these arrangements, mostly affecting the states of the Continent of Europe.

The new treaty will become operative January 1, 1899.

Miss Dorothea Gerard has in preparation, for issue in the early autumn, a novel entitled "Miss Providence," which Messrs. Jarrold & Sons will publish.

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