

man in his works, which more than in the case of any other author are inseparable parts of the man.

Mr. Richard Grant White's *Essays*, contributed for a long time to the *N. Y. Times*, on 'Every-Day English,' are about to be issued by Messrs. Houghton, Osgood & Co., Boston.

A Student's Edition, somewhat abridged, of 'The Speaker's Commentary on the Bible,' to be completed in six 12 mo. volumes, is announced for immediate publication. It is said of the work that the writers appear duly to appreciate the critical difficulties which abound in the task they have undertaken, and that the principles of their interpretation are applied with a fair regard to the discoveries of modern research, and with a full knowledge of scientific controversies and objections.

At the present time, General Cunyng-hame's work, 'My Command in South Africa, 1874-78,' will be eagerly read. The author was the immediate predecessor of Lord Chelmsford, and had a good deal to do with the events connected with the annexation of the Transvaal, and with the Kafir war, which broke out upon Sir Bartle Frere's arrival in the Colony in 1877.

The literature of biography is prolific just now of works of more than passing interest. The 'Memoir of the Rev. Francis Hodgson,' the intimate friend of Byron; Hamerton's 'Life of Turner;' and Hare's 'Life of the Baroness Bunsen,' are books which are claiming the attention of the reviewers, and are all of them highly spoken of.

What interests are to be subserved by the publication of Mr. Moncure Conway's unwholesome volumes on 'Demonology and Devil Lore,' we can scarcely tell. To add to the literature of unsavoury myths and silly superstitions by long and painstaking efforts to compile all the jumble of nonsense contained in Mr. Conway's volumes, may be creditable to the author's industry and knowledge of his subject, but will hardly commend itself to the intelligence and good sense of even the out-of-the-way reader. Mr. Conway's purpose to discredit Christianity, by classing its beliefs with the rubbish of superstition and devilry which he has unearthed from every corner of the earth, will not increase the claims of his work upon the attention

of sane men, still less will his occasional blasphemy attract readers to his volumes.

The third volume of Mr. John Richard Green's 'History of the English People,' has just been issued. It deals with Puritan England, 1603-60, and The Revolution, 1660-88.

Mr. Serjeant Cox, of spiritualist proclivities, has just issued an important work on 'The Mechanism of Man,' through the publishing house of Longman & Co. As a complement to the work, the author announces 'The Mechanism in Action,' to be immediately published.

'The History of Our Own Times,' from the pen of Mr. Justin McCarthy, the novelist, and now M. P. in the 'Home Rule' interest, for the County of Longford, has met with so immediate a success, that the seventh edition of the first two volumes of the work has just been called for in England. The merit of the work is said to lie in its general justice, its breadth of view, and its sparkling buoyancy of narrative, and reviewers add in reference to it, that 'Criticism is disarmed before a composition which provokes little but approval.' The fear is that a History which is so universally acceptable, is not likely to be written from any very sincere and deeply-rooted conviction, but the glamour of a novelist's pen will doubtless make even contemporary events pleasant, if not profitable, reading.

The *Athenæum* makes the announcement that arrangements have been made for the immediate publication, by Messrs. Macmillan & Co., of the literary remains of the late Prof. Clifford. These will comprise, firstly, two volumes of collected essays and lectures, to be edited by Mr. Leslie Stephen and Mr. Frederick Pollock, with a biographical introduction by Mr. Pollock; secondly, a small volume entitled 'Seeing and Thinking,' being the substance of three popular lectures, and admirably displaying the author's power of treating scientific subjects in a way at once sound, brilliant, and easily intelligible. Arrangements are also being made for a reprint of mathematical papers contributed to the Royal and other societies and to various mathematical journals. Dr. Spottiswoode, the President of the Royal Society, is interesting himself in this collection.