

ENGLISH LITERARY NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 26, 1898.

“THE Building of the Empire,” yet another contribution to Imperialist literature, by Mr. Alfred Thomas Story, the author of the monographs on John Linnel and William Blake, will be published this week by Messrs. Chapman & Hall. It will trace “the story of England’s growth from Elizabeth to Victoria,” and the publishers, to make the work attractive and instructive, have illustrated it with 10 portraits and pictures from contemporary prints.

Messrs. W. Blackwood & Sons are to publish immediately a book on “Millais and his Work,” by Mr. M. H. Spielmann, the editor of The Magazine of Art. In addition to a chapter on Sir J. E. Millais’ life and an appreciation of his art, Mr. Spielmann has written a picture-by-picture comment on the works of the late president now being exhibited at the Royal Academy, as well as on the numerous pictures by the artist not included in that collection, and there will be a chronological list of Sir J. E. Millais’ oil pictures, of which traces can be found. The book will be fully illustrated from many of the late president’s most interesting and important pictures.

One of Messrs. Longman’s earliest publications will be a “Life of Stonewall Jackson,” by Col. Henderson, of the York and Lancaster Regiment. It will have a portrait, maps and plans.

The biography of the Prince of Wales, which Mr. Grant Richards has had in preparation for some months, was published on January 17. The full title is “H.R.H. the Prince of Wales: An Account of His Career, including His Birth, Education, Travels, Marriage and Home Life; and Philanthropic, Social and Political Work.”

Messrs. Constable have in hand an illustrated narrative of M. Andree’s preparation for his balloon expedition. The authors, MM. H. Lachambre and A. Machuron, who accompanied him on different occasions to Spitzbergen, describe both the fruitless attempt in 1896, as well as the actual start last year. The making and equipping of the balloon furnish a large amount of interesting detail. A concise biography of M. Andree is also given.

Mr. Michael Davitt, M.P.’s, new book on the Australian colonies, which has occupied his time since the prorogation of Parliament, will be published about the end of the month by Messrs. Methuen. It gives a very comprehensive view of political and social life in the Australias, dealing with the

Parliamentary institutions, the political parties, the labor question, the mineral and other resources, and the prospects of the seven colonies. It will also treat of the question of Australian federation. Mr. Davitt traces the rise of self-governing institutions in the colonies, and finds a good deal to say on the part played by political exiles, both from Scotland and Ireland, in the early movement for Australian autonomy.

NEW FICTION.

Among the new novels just issued or about to be issued are; E. F. Benson’s “The Vintage,” a tale of the Greek war of independence, by Methuen & Co.; “Cleo the Magnificent,” by Louis Zangwill, is published by Heinemann; I. Zanwill has begun in The Jewish World, a tale called “Maimon the Fool and Nathan the Wise;” Miss Emma Brooke’s “A Superfluous Woman,” published by Hutchison, has for its hero the son of Devon fisherfolk who believes himself to have a mission among men. Mr. Heinemann has issued a story of the Chino-Japanese war, entitled “Under the Dragon Flag.” It gives, in a plain, straightforward manner, the experiences of Mr. James Allan, who went through the struggle. Mr. Allan’s narrative begins by candidly telling in a few lines how he ran through a fortune of £80,000 in a surprisingly short time.

A new novel by Mr. William Black may be expected in the autumn.

THE TRADE IN BIBLES.

Warwick Bros. & Rutter’s travelers are showing, to the trade, some new editions of the Bible, which are seen here for the first time. The Queen’s Printers’ Teacher’s Bible is one new illustrated edition. Another, deserving of note, is Eyre & Spottiswoode’s New Illustrated Teacher’s Bible. This is a beautiful work. It contains 172 plates. The various editions of it and the prices can be obtained on enquiry. They range from \$1.50 upward. The Robert Raikes Teacher’s Bible (Raikes was the founder of Sunday-schools), contains 40 photographic illustrations, the aids to Bible students, a concordance and twelve indexed maps. The price ranges from \$1 to \$3.75. Warwick Bros. & Rutter are also showing lines of Prayer Books at various prices, Hymns, Ancient and Modern, the Hymnal Companion, and the Church Hymnal; also a fine line of Catholic prayer books.

The flexible-bound Bagster Bibles are also selling well in Canada. They can be folded back or rolled up without injury. They are in all sizes and prices and editions, and a price list can be had by inquiry.



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