

school manual of general history. The book, "Swinton's Outlines," which has received the emphatic endorsement of Professor Adams of Michigan University, is shown to be made up largely of almost verbatim transcriptions from Rawlinson, Merivale and Dr. Smith.

—The *Cologne Gazette*, the principal organ of the Prussian press, published recently a series of articles pleading for the introduction of the ordinary Roman instead of the German printed letters in the news-papers. It points out, on the authority of Grimm, the greatest of German philosophers, that the characters at present throughout Germany are not in reality German in their origin at all, and that they were once in use in other countries which sensibly abandoned them long ago. They take up a great deal more space than Roman letters, are less legible, and much more apt to produce typographical errors owing to the similarity between certain letters. The most important portion of some of the newspapers is even now printed in plain characters, and they have also been adopted for scientific books, tables of railway fares, and names of streets. Our Canadian German contemporaries, which have been for the most part printed with the angular letters, ought to take the hint and make a new departure. If they did they in all probability would be more extensively read than they are at present.

—The much talked of departure of Professor Max Muller from Oxford is not to take place. The only object in tendering his resignation was to secure leisure for the prosecution of the University Convocation, he has been relieved of his duty as a lecturer on comparative physiology, he has consented to retain his connection with and to reside at Oxford. His admirers, and their name is legion, will rejoice at this arrangement. Strange to say there is one quarter in which Max Muller is not appreciated, and that quarter is one where we would naturally expect something different. Our ordinarily fair and well informed contemporary the *New York Nation* seems to have singled out as objects of its keenest satire and bitterest scorn two such eminent inductive philosophers and discoverers as Professor Tyndall and Max Muller. Neither of them receives even common courtesy at its hands, and their names are only mentioned, as a rule, to be disparaged. Sweeping charges of scientific plagiarism, of real but inflated mediocrity, and of professional and literary pettiness and meanness, are from time to time brought against them, either explicitly or by implication. This unfortunate tendency on the part of the *Nation* can best be accounted for on the theory that Professor Whitney has secured control of the philological department, and some natural philosopher whose presence is not so obvious that of the scientific department of its critical faculty.

## CHOICE MISCELLANY.

—Sally Verb was married the other day in Kansas. This is leap-year, and she was not to be declined.

—Haven't you got cheek?" was the reply of a four-year-old to the teacher who asked him if he could read.

—The fundamental condition and surest safeguard for the success of all educational work lies in the personal worth of the educator.

—A Scotch boy, getting his first lesson in ciphering, asked his teacher: "Whaur diz

a' the figures gang jill when the're rubbit oot?"

—A little fellow who went to school before going to church, after his first visit to the latter remarked, "Mamma, the principal of that church talks lots, don't he?"

—Examiner: Name a domestic animal. Pupil: I don't know what domestic means. Examiner: Mention some animal that lives with man. Pupil (triumphantly): Woman!

—Prof. Fawcett maintains that different students should be allowed to choose their