## SOCIAL AND LITERARY.

Arnold's "Light of Asia" has been transIated into German.

A Maine statistician reports that that State has had sixty-six women who have written and published books.

Mr. Ruskin has been elected president of a society lately formed in England, having as its aim the art-education of children.

It is reported that the man who bought the homestead of the Bender family of murderers has found $\$ 39,000$ buried on the premises.

The director of the mint reports that the paper and specie in circulation in the United States on October list amounted to $\$ 1,730,597,823$.

It is said that the number of "female academies" in the Western States has greatly decreased of late years, co-education having steadily gained ground.

By the side of a New York man who committed suicide, recently, was found a copy of Martin Chuzzlewit, open at the chapter describing Jonas Chuzlewit's suicide.

The leading colored men of Geurgia have signed a call for a convention at Atlanta, December 12th. It says the condition of the colored race of this State is growing worse daily.

No fewer than five actions for separations from their husbands have been entered in Koutreal by wives. This looks like a revoIntion in families. All nationalities are represented.

The post-graduate classes of Yale have taken up a novel study this year-that of railroads, their growth, relations to the State, and the questions of speculation and Statesupervision.

The new Scottish Educational Bill will take thousands of children between the ages of ten and fourteen years out of factories and workshops, and send them to the public schools.

Mrs. Burnett's charming play, "Esmeralda," was a grand success in Loudon, Eng. "Many," says a newspaper correspondent, "who came to scoff at the American dramatist, remained to weep, langh and applaud."

The literary habits of Mr. W. D. Howells, who seems to have at last establiṣhed himself in Boston, are thus described: "He writes a legible, free, running hand, with plenty of space between the lines. He works at whatever novel he may bave in hand from 9 A. M. to 1 p. x., and covers sbout twelve pages of commercial notepaper in that time. The rest of the day he is a man of leisure. He does a great deal of re-writing, retising, and correcting."

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