

## Literary Notes.

Thomas Nelson & Sons have in preparation India-paper editions of the Revised Bible.

An exhibition of portraits, MSS. and other Burns relics will be held in Glasgow during July-October.

The Temple Magazine is the name selected for the new magazine which will shortly appear under the joint editorship of Mr. Silas K. Hocking and Mr. F. A. Atkins.

"The Lover's Tale," with other poems, and the sixth part of "Idylls of the King," have been included in "The People's Edition" of Lord Tennyson's works issued by Messrs. Macmillan & Co.

Mrs. Watson, mother of Mr. William Watson, the poet, died at Lee, Kent, on June 27th, in her seventy-third year, and was buried at Childwall, near Liverpool, where Mr. Watson's father was buried in 1888.

"The Monetary and Banking Problem," by Logan G. McPherson, will be published immediately by Messrs D. Appleton & Co., who announce, also, a paper-covered edition of "A Journey in Other Worlds," by John Jacob Astor, and a new edition of "From Flag to Flag," by Mrs. Eliza McHatten-Ripley.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the British Empire League recently held in London, at which Mr. Faithfull Begg, M.P., presided, it was resolved on motion of Lord Tennyson, seconded by Neville Lubbock, "That the Executive Committee of the British Empire League approve of the proposal to hold a Canadian Historical Exhibition at Toronto in 1897, and will give any assistance in their power towards that end."

The Bishop of Salisbury thinks that, "as a rule, a clergyman should marry at thirty or thirty-five, and yet to marry with an income of less than £300 a year is very hazardous." On this The Christian Commonwealth comments: "Ah! But the Bishop has no idea what an heroic class the curates and many other ministers are. They neither wait until they are thirty nor yet until they get \$1,500 a year. If they did they would never marry."

The little book on his mother, which Mr. J. M. Barrie has just finished, and which is to be published by the Messrs. Scribner under the title of "Margaret Ogilvy," is not a biography in the ordinary sense, but gives aspects and incidents of his mother's life in the style which Mr. Barrie's readers know, keeping close throughout to facts. In the opinion of the London Bookman, "it is perhaps the most beautiful and exquisite piece of work he has yet accomplished."

In spite of the bad examples set them by other nations, it is comforting to remember that the Scotch have still kept on producing masterpieces that are altogether clean, wholesome and humorous. Can any other nation—with the exception, perhaps, of our own—show a literature so unsullied by anything "cloistery" as the Scotch? So sure are we of getting something uncompromisingly decent when we open a Scotch book, that it is a positive delight and an occasion for thankfulness to review one of their stories. Even the havers and clavers of their fey characters are wiser than the wisest wisdom of oafish authors who grow their literary lilies in mires and bogs of miasmatic indecency. The richness and purity of Scotch literature have not come by chance. The same qualities that appear in their books, they have wrought into their lives. They do not dwell in a land of wind-swept braes, eating wholesome parritch and living god-fearing, kirk-going lives for naught. Even their words have a rugged virtue about them—especially those denouncing vices, as though they could not coin terms that thumped hard enough. Add to these their long vocabulary of bonnie, sossie words, that lilt their way into the ear, like the laverock's morning song, and it is easy to understand why the Scotch are so well qualified to use that "drop of ink that makes a million think."

—The Critic.

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