

British Sports, by Walter Leigh.—In a neat little pamphlet of 72 pages, Mr. Walter Leigh, one of the head masters of Cambridge House School, Halifax, has collected several articles on shooting, fishing, racing, cricket, etc., first published in a Halifax paper. Mr. Leigh is an Englishman, it is unnecessary to state, and writing for the youth of the most thoroughly "British" city in the world, has called his book *British Sports*, as though *British* were the specific difference, which it most decidedly is not. Cricket is indeed a British sport: so is football, a much nobler game, if not scientific, and one without a notice, of which any work on British sports is incomplete. Speaking of the scientific character of cricket, we think that the answer which our American cousins will give the question, "Why the English people possess the only field game of a truly scientific character?" will be: "Because they don't." Mr. Leigh refutes most satisfactorily the theory that cricket is a game of French origin. His hints on shooting are exceedingly practical, embracing size of bore, cartridge, etc., required for different kinds of game. Altogether the little book is a most pleasing one to read, and contains much good advice to beginners in the manly sports of shooting, fishing and cricket. The author very well says: "I do not uphold the Sportsman vs. the Reading-man. Far from it. But I contend that if the latter could combine some sport with his reading, he would be in a better condition physically to gain high honours in the literary world." *British Sports* is issued from the press of James Bowes & Sons, Halifax. The cover is an exceedingly neat design.

The first number of *The Pilot* for 1891 is just issued. It contains portrait and biographical sketch of Patrick Donahoe, its founder, who has just resumed control of it: able editorials on the present crisis in Irish affairs: Roman news of more than ordinary interest; and many valuable and opportune contributions. The departments, and the special literary features, which have made *The Pilot* so prized as a family paper, as "Our Boys and Girls," "Correspondents' Column," etc., are up to their usual high standard. The paper has been enlarged so as to give about a page additional of reading matter, and,

altogether, enters on its fifty-sixth year, with all the advantages that a good editorial staff, a big and growing subscription list, and a field as wide as the country can give it.

Messrs. A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, have just issued an *Edition de Luxe* of *Goodyear's History of Art*, which work is considered by most critics to be the best of the smaller Histories of Art published. The book is bound in rich red cloth, white and gold sides and back, ornamented with designs selected from art subjects, gilt top, uncut edges, and put up in a neat box. It contains 314 illustrations in color, is replete with numerous text-cuts, is printed from the clearest of type, and in this form makes one of the most beautiful and valuable books published. Send for specimen pages.

This firm has also just published a new Atlas by the famous Geographer, James Monteith. It is entitled "*A School and Family Atlas*," and contains all the latest maps and statistics, and is illustrated with numerous engravings showing the physical outline of the different countries and the various characteristics of the industrial centers all over the world.

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We note that the publishers of *The Dominion Illustrated* have originated a plan by which over \$3,000 worth of prizes are to be distributed among the subscribers to that paper, subject to their correctly answering simple questions on the current contents of each number. We learn that the first prize will be \$750 in gold, the second a Heitzman piano worth \$600 and that the rest of the many prizes in the competition will be of an unusually costly and valuable nature. They are also offering a second series of prizes for the best specimen of type writing, open to type-