

not carry him far in this fog. It is all very well to talk of a sub-Kingdom of 'hollow-gutted animals,' but what *are* they?" And again speaking of a most meritorious book by an excellent author, 'If in the next edition he would only bear in mind that even students are anything but familiar with many of the technical terms so profusely scattered unexplained through his pages, that even students are not all Grecians, and that a knowledge of Greek very often lends little or no assistance to one who does not already know the meaning of the term as applied in the special case, he will greatly improve his book. We are perfectly aware of the necessity of technical terms, Science is impossible without a strict nomenclature; but we are also aware that if many writers are misunderstood because they do not attend sufficiently to those exigencies of technical expression, many also are thrown aside unread, because they will say nothing in their mother tongue.

"Every one knows the dreadful kind of mathematical writer or speaker, who "rushes into the differential calculus on the slightest provocation." And we could name more than one biologist who rushes into Greek, and spurns the plainer and more expressive English, as if his scientific reputation depended on his not saying anything in common language."

The past year has witnessed the usual gatherings of the philosophic and scientific intellects of the age. If not marked by any special originality, they have developed more clearly than ever the strong practical tendency of the age, to subordinate all the energies and appliances of Science, invention, and association, to the correcting of social evils and the elevation and purification of man. The British Association has heard from their Fairbairn a grand epitome of the progress of material science. The Dublin Social Congress has elicited, with much crude speculation, a large amount of practical suggestions for future operations. Death has done his usual work. Besides the Royal Prince, whose departure we have already noticed, he has taken away another of the thoughtful Teutonic blood. Baron Bunsen, in the full exercise of his splendid labours, has passed away, declaring with his last breath his profound belief in that Revelation he has so often been accused of assailing. Sir Francis Palgrave, whose profound antiquarian knowledge will long serve to lighten the labours of the student of the Past, has been taken from us. Elizabeth Barrett Browning has passed away from a wide circle of admirers; and thousands to whom the name of Italy brings back grand memories of ancient