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Literary Notes.

A volume of short stories by Henry James is shortly to be published by Macmillan & Co. under the name "Embarrassments." The studies are entitled "The Figure in the Carpet," "Glasses," "The Next Time," and "The Way It Came," and are sketched in Mr. James' usual minute and clever manner.

The late Henry C. Bunner, of whom a po trait and biographical sketch appeared in The Critic, of May 16, is the subject of two brief tributes in the same paper for May 23. In one of these, he is considered as an editor and a story-teller, the writer being Mr. H. G. Paine, of Harper's Weekly, his former associate on Puck. In the other he is judged as a poet, the critic being Mr. Frank Dempster Sherman, of Columbia College, himself an accomplished writer of verse. Full justice is done to the rare qualities of heart and intellect that made Mr. Bunner's career a series of successes.

Dr. E. A. Abbott has completed his elaborate work on the Gospels, written for the new Biblical Encyclopaedia edited by Sutherland Black. It was originally intended to make this Encyclopaedia one large volume, but it is doubtful whether this will be possible. Dr. Abbott has devoted the most extraordinary labour to the preparation of this work, which will undoubtedly be recognized as a contribution to a subject of momentous interest and importance. It will probably appear in fuller form with notes as a separate book.

An able symposium under the title of "The Engineer in Naval Warfare" is presented as the opening feature of the May number of the North American Review, the contributors to it being Commodore George W. Melville, Engineer-in-Chief of the United States Navy; W. S. Aldrich, Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the University of West Virginia; Ira N. Hollis, Professor of Engineering in Harvard University; Gardiner C. Sims, of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; and George Uhler, President of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association. The noted French astronomer, Camille Flammarion, writes most interestingly of "Mars and Its Inhabitants," and in "Men Who Might Have Been Presidents," Joseph M. Rogers of the Philadelphia Inquirer throws some important light on the Presidential elections of the past. "The Old Testament not a Millstone" is the theme of a paper by the Rev. Dr. Geo. Coulson Workman, in reply to Professor Goldwin Smith's article on "Christianity's Millstone" in the December Review, while the existing state of "Western Feeling towards the East" is succinctly portrayed by Senator William V. Allen, of Nebraska. "The United States and Great Britain: A Reply to Mr. David A. Wells," affords Mayo W. Hazeltine opportunity to criticize the former's statement of facts set forth in his article in the April Review, and Dr. Louis Robinson in his series of "Wild Traits in Tame Animals" writes about "Domestic Cattle." Charles Sedgwick Minot furnishes a clever scientific treatise on "The Microscopical Study of Living Matter," and the concluding instalment but one of "The Future Life and the Condition of Man Therein," by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone deals with the limitation and reserve of Scripture and the creeds. Other topics dealt with are "Constitutional Suffrage for Women," by W. S. Harwood; "Great Britain's Service to Civilization," by Capt. A. S. Crowninshield, U.S.N.; "Methodism and the General Conference," by the Rev. F. C. Iglehart, D.D., and "The Agricultural Problem," by M. B. Morton.

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