

HARPER'S MAGAZINE comes to us regularly through the New England News Co. It is freighted as usual with light and entertaining reading matter. The serial sketch of Frederic the Great is particularly good and attractive.

PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL has changed its form, with the January No. We like its new dress better than its former guise. It is much handier now, and as every one binds the *Journal*, in that particular it presents a neater appearance. It is as ably conducted as ever. Fowler & Wells, New York.

We cordially commend the Hamilton *People's Journal* as a good family newspaper. Its several departments in literature, arts and politics, are cleverly filled.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE.—This popular weekly will present many attractive features during the coming year. The works of Miss Thackeray, Chas. Dickens, Anthony Trollope and other leading lights in modern fiction, are regularly reproduced on this side of the Atlantic, in the pages of LITTELL. Subscribe now. Littell & Gay, Boston.

THE HARVARD ADVOCATE is the title of a very clever College Journal issued at Harvard College. Its editorials are characterized by a terseness and vigour of expression. It differs widely from the papers of other Colleges in the United States, in the entire absence of vulgar pedantry. We wish it success. Dalhousie College of Halifax, in our own Dominion, has an unpretending and meritorious *College Gazette*. It has several talented and gifted writers on its staff, among whom may be mentioned Professors Lyall, MacDonald and DeMill; besides several other good writers contribute to it.

Horace Greeley, Samuel Bowles, Mark M. Pomeroy, Whitelaw Reid, Theodore Tilton, G. P. Putnam, G. W. Carleton, Edward DeLeon, James Parton, P. T. Barnum, D. G. Croly, "Fanny Fern," Mary C. Ames, Phoebe Cary and Josephine Pollard were among the one hundred and ninety guests who sat down to the Press Dinner at Delmonico's, New York, recently. Oliver Johnson presided.

John Bartlett's "Familiar Quotations" is one of the most valuable works issued. Little, Brown & Co., of Boston, have recently published the fifth edition. It is very handsomely printed and should be in every library. To editors it is indispensable.

Gladstone sometimes occupies the dreary hours of debate in the Commons in religious or literary exercises. One night he combined the two, and mentally translated the hymn "Rock of Ages" into Greek verse, which he afterwards committed to paper.

Mr. John Swinton, who lately left the *New York Times*, after many years of service upon it as an editorial associate of Mr. Raymond, is engaged upon a work entitled "Ten Years of Journalism."

Macaulay's "Lays of Ancient Rome" have been translated into Italian.

Henry Ward Beecher says: "He who learns to write a readable newspaper article, will find a sermon very easy writing indeed."

Eugene Sue's autograph sells for two francs in Paris.