

BOOKS FOR THE MONTH,

AT T. MACLEAN'S, 45, YONGE STREET.

HARPER & BROTHERS have issued the third volume of the *Restoration of Monarchy in France*, by Lamartine. The work embraces the history of French affairs from 1815 till 1821, a stirring period in France, during the exile of its idolized tyrant. The work is written in a pleasing, racy style, smooth and attractive. Lamartine as a writer, though he writes with railroad rapidity, is a most engaging author—his long apprenticeship as an editor has given him a commanding knowledge of facts and figures, and his position and occupation as a journalist during the period embraced in the three volumes before us, rendered him eminently fit for becoming the most reliable historian in that country of such a period.

BLANCHARD & LEA, of Philadelphia, have issued, in three small 8vo volumes, the entire course of *Niebuhr's Lectures*, translated by Dr. Schmitz, and universally lauded in Great Britain. The edition before us is in all respects equal to the British edition. (See *Editor's Shanty of August*.)

The Hand Book of Natural Philosophy, by Dionysius Lardner, D. C. L., &c., has just appeared from the same press. The book may be regarded as *intrinsically* excellent. Dr. Lardner's European fame as a man of science will secure for the work a place among standard works on the sciences of the nineteenth century. But the book has another strong recommendation, it is the appropriate and *required* sequel of his popular and splendid *Treatise on Natural Philosophy and Mechanics*. And it has still higher commendations; it treats on the *present state* of the abstract sciences, as applied to *practical purposes*. It is divided into books and chapters; Book I. Heat—13 chapters. Book II. Magnetism—4 chapters. Book III. Electricity—13 chapters. Book IV. Voltaic Electricity—15 chapters.

Cornelius Nepos, Schmitz & Zumpt's edition. Among the recent issues by the above firm we have one of the most modest and portable editions of this popular classical work extant. It is one of a series of school books now being issued by Blanchard and Lea. For the use of schools and academies, we regard this edition of the classics a most valuable and suitable one. The text is from the most approved Leipsic editions.

History of Classical Literature, by Rev. R. W. Brown, M. A., recently issued by Blanchard & Lea, a work needed as a hand book for a student, or text book for a professor in that department of study, we have seen none superior, and seldom if ever, any equal to this work.

Outlines of English Literature, by Thomas B. Shaw. This is a neat, compendious, little work. It furnishes an epitome of the material which Chambers and others have elaborated into large volumes, and is not like their more ponderous books, likely to produce *bibliophobia*.

LIPPINCOTT GRAMBO & Co. Philadelphia, are issuing a splendid edition, uniform, of *The Novels of Sir Walter Scott*, which they purpose completing in some nine or ten volumes. The edition before us seems to be one of the best

American editions, for the price at which it sells, that has ever been given to the public, and the public would seem to be of our opinion, inasmuch as this edition appears to command a more rapid and extensive sale than any of its predecessors that have been introduced into the Canadian market. Sir Walter has appeared in many a form and many a dress on this continent, and we intend to introduce him in Lippincott and Grambo's habit into our emporium next month.

Ancient Christianity Exemplified.—Among their most recent issues Lippincott, Grambo, and Co. have given to the world a book which has placed the Theology of the Nineteenth Century under a great debt of gratitude to Dr. Coleman, of Philadelphia. "His really valuable volume is one which must have cost its learned author an immense research. It fills a great blank in the Theological literature of our age—and fills it well. We have seen it highly spoken of by all the leading journals of Canada and the States.

The Bible in the Family, or Hints on Domestic Happiness, by the Rev. Dr. Boardman, of Philadelphia. In ten lectures Dr. Boardman gives many admirable hints to the parent and the Sabbath-school teacher in this neat and well-written volume.

J. W. MOORE, Philadelphia, has just published (1853) a magnificent edition of *Hebrew Scriptures*, stereotyped by L. Johnson, Esq. This is the most recent improvement of the London and Leipsic new editions,—is got up in excellent style, and will, no doubt, become the leading and most current edition in the United States and Canada.

The Koran or Alcoran of Mahomed.—Moore has also published, during the present year, a large and fine edition of the Bible of Mahomed. Many editions of this singular work are extant, and it must be a current book. It is the only medium by which we can reach a knowledge of the Faith of the False Prophet. New editions are therefore, appearing constantly—as men grow wiser they want to know what *was*, and *is*, and *will be*. Hence the rise and fall of the Ottoman Empire is become a world's talk, on which account Mohammed, and Bible, and his followers are all prated about. Some two or three years ago, Philips, Lawson, and Co., published in a most valuable 8vo. volume, the Life of Mohammed, by the Rev. Jones Merriek, Missionary to the Persians, and member of the American Oriental Society, a book that gave us much satisfaction. This work and the Koran ought to be read together, as a comparison of the two shows plainly how the impostures of the latter gradually sprung up in the mind of the False Prophet.

Knapp's Theology.—To Moore we are indebted for a new edition (1853) of the Theological writings of this great German author. In 1836 these works were translated by one of the learned Professors of Andover, and so eagerly were the lectures read, and so popular has the work become in that department of learning to which it belongs, that few libraries and private individuals could be found without it. In January of the present year, Mr. Moore has opportunely furnished the reading public with the course of Evangelical lectures which for many years were read by the venerable Knapp in the University of Halle—we would like