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Under the title, "Thirty Years of Teaching," Professor Miall, of Leeds, is about to issue, through Macmillan, a series of papers which he has contributed to The Journal of Education, dealing with teaching in various aspects. Although he has himself been a teacher, mainly of natural science, the author has many valuable suggestions to offer upon the principles of teaching in general, and their application to other subjects than his own, e.g., to English history and literature.

George Newnes, Limited, is publishing a book by Mr. Edwin A Pratt, entitled "Pioneer Women in Victoria's Reign," being short histories of great movements.

Her Majesty the Queen has graciously accepted the dedication to herself of the new volume by Sir George S. Clarke, K.C.M.G., F.R.S., entitled "Imperial Defence," which will be published immediately by the Imperial Press.

Guy Boothby's novel "The Fascination of the King" will be issued shortly by Messrs. Ward, Lock & Co.

THE MONUMENT TO SCOTT.

The bust of Sir Walter Scott, which has been executed by Mr. Hutchison after the one by Sir Francis Chantrey at Abbotsford, was unveiled in Westminster Abbey by the Duke of Buccleuch in the presence of a large and distinguished company. The bust, which has been placed in Poets' Corner, bears the simple inscription, "Walter Scott, 1771-1832." The cost of it has been defrayed by public subscription, of which about £450 was subscribed in Great Britain and £100 in America. Among those present were the Earl and Countess of Dalkeith, the Hon. John Hay (American Ambassador) and Mrs. Hay, Mr. William Gully (Speaker of the House of Commons), Mr. A. J. Balfour, Lord Tennyson, Sir Theodore and Lady Martin, Mr. J. M. Barrie and Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Scott. Mrs. Maxwell Scott is the only lineal descendant of Sir Walter Scott.

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