

Mr. Goldwin Smith goes shortly to England for the winter, but will return early in the spring and resume his literary occupations here.

Several prominent English publishers have been paying a visit to this side of the Atlantic this summer, and have given the book trade an opportunity of making a personal acquaintance with those whose names are "familiar as household words" to the fraternity. Of these we may mention Mr. Dyer, of Messrs. Longmans'; Mr. George Routledge; Mr. Duret, of Messrs. Warne & Co.; Mr. Hodder, of Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton; Mr. Galpin, of Messrs. Cassell, Petter & Galpin; Mr. Nimmo, of Edinburgh; and two members of the stationery trade—Mr. Goodall, the well-known playing-card maker; and Mr. Ward, of Messrs. Marcus Ward & Co.

Messrs. W. Blackwood & Sons have just issued an interesting work on "French Home Life," by "an English looker-on, who has lived for a quarter of a century in France, amidst ties and affections which have made that country his second home." The book treats of servants, children, furniture, food, manners, language, dress, marriage, &c., and displays an acuteness of observation and an analysis of character which render the volume a most entertaining and instructive guide to the social life of France.

A volume of essays on literary topics of considerable interest is announced from the pen of Robert Buchanan, entitled "Master Spirits."

The Rev. Stopford Brooke is preparing for the press his lectures, entitled "Theology in the English Poets," which have attracted much attention.

Messrs. Strahan & Co. will shortly publish the following:—"A Memoir of the late Thomas Guthrie, D.D.," by his sons; "A Memoir of Norman Macleod, D.D.,"; Sir Arthur Helps on "Russian Conspiracies and the Foundation of Siberia,"; "The Great Ice Age and the Antiquity of Man," by a brother of Prof. Geikie, of the Geological Survey of Scotland; "The Huguenots in France," by Samuel Smiles; and Mr. W. F. Rae's work on "Wilkes, Fox, and the leaders of the Liberal party of the time of Geo. III."

Following up the squib on the Prince of Wales, issued last year in the shape of a travesty on Tennyson's Idyls of the King, entitled "The Coming King—," the publishers of Beeton's Christmas Annual announce an adaptation of Homer's Iliad for the new issue. It is to be called "The Siliad, or The Siege of the Seats," and the more remarkable men, women, and events of modern days, we are told, will be the subjects of the new epic.

Messrs. Cassell have issued "A First Sketch of English Literature," by Henry Morley, Professor of English Literature at University College, London. It is a compendious volume, notwithstanding its elementary title.

The success of the International Scientific Series issued by Messrs. H. S. King & Co., of London, and Messrs. D. Appleton & Co., of New York, we are told, is very great. The volumes already issued have been very favourably received. Embodying

the results of the latest investigations in their respective subjects, and being written by the foremost men of the day, they could not fail of this. The forthcoming volumes will embrace the following subjects: "Mind and Body; the Theories of their Relations," by Alexander Bain, LL.D.; "The Study of Sociology," by Herbert Spencer; "Animal Mechanics; or, Walking, Swimming, and Flying," by Dr. J. B. Pettigrew; "Principles of Mental Physiology," by Dr. W. B. Carpenter; "On the Conservation of Energy," by Professor Balfour Stewart; and "The Animal Machine: or, Aerial and Terrestrial Locomotion," by W. C. J. Marey. The works already embraced in this series are Professor Tyndall on "The Forms of Water in Rain and Rivers, Ice and Glaciers," "Physics and Politics," by Walter Bagehot; and "On Food," by Dr. Edward Smith.

Messrs. Macmillan's announcements for the coming season embrace the following:—"Cobden and Political Opinion," by Professor J. E. Thorold Rogers, the Political Economist; a volume of Lectures delivered at the Royal Institution, by Dr. E. A. Freeman, on "Comparative Politics,"; "The Friendship of Books," a series of posthumous lectures of the late Rev. F. D. Maurice, edited by Thomas Hughes, M.P.; a collection of miscellaneous papers entitled "Prose Idylls," by the Rev. Canon Kingsley; a volume of Cambridge lectures, by Rev. Professor Birks, on the "Principles of Moral Science,"; a new issue of "Nature Series," by Sir John Lubbock, on "The Origin and Metamorphoses of Insects,"; and Mr. Norman Lockyer's collected "Contributions to Solar Physics."

Messrs. Longman are proceeding with the publication of their excellent series of text-books on Mechanical and Physical Science. The new issue is a volume on "Workshop Appliances," including the descriptions of hand cutting tools, lathes, drilling, planing, and other machines used by engineers. Messrs. Longmans have in preparation a series of books treating of the history of England and Europe at successive epochs subsequent to the Christian era, under the general editorship of Mr. Edward E. Morris. We are at liberty to announce the subjects of a few of the volumes—viz., the Beginning of the Middle Ages; the Norman Kings and the Feudal System; the Crusades; the Early Plantagenets and their relation to the History of Europe; the Houses of Lancaster and York, with the Conquest and Loss of France; the Era of the Protestant Revolution; the Age of Elizabeth; the Thirty Years' War; the Stuarts and the Puritan Revolution; the Age of Anne; Frederick the Great and the Seven Years' War; the War of American Independence.

Messrs. H. S. King & Co. announce a translation, from the French of Professor Th. Ribot, of a work on "Contemporary English Psychology," being an analysis of the views and opinions of the following metaphysicians, as expressed in their writings: John Stuart Mill, Alex. Bain, Herbert Spencer, Geo. H. Lewes, James Mill, &c.