

LITERARY NOTES.

An American edition, authorized and illustrated, of the "Lectures on Light," delivered recently in the United States by Prof. Tyndall, has been published. The profits above expenses, amounting to \$13,000, accruing from the delivery of these lectures, were generously conveyed in trust by the lecturer to aid students who may devote themselves to original research on this side the Atlantic.

A reprint has been issued in Boston of Mr. W. R. Greg's "Enigmas of Life," which has run through three editions in England since its recent publication there.

Mr. Bayard Taylor has written a new and lengthy poem, entitled "Laso: a Pastoral of Norway." The story is told with great felicity of narration.

A curious and amusing book of 'Old Tales and Superstitions interpreted by Comparative Mythology,' under the title of "Myths and Myth-makers," is just published.

The first volume—from the Roman Invasion to the accession of Henry VII.—of "A History of Crime and of its Relations to Civilized Life in England," is announced.

It is announced that Mr. Richard Cobden's Letters are to be published shortly by the Cobden Club. They will be edited by W. Henry Richard, M.P.

The collection of articles mainly contributed last year to "The Leisure Hour," by Principal Dawson, of McGill College, Montreal, have been issued in book form, under the title of "The Story of the Earth and Man."

The Rev. Prof. Stanley Leathes, the Hulsean Lecturer for 1873, has just issued a work on "The Structure of the Old Testament." The author is well known as a writer and as the Professor of Hebrew at King's College.

A further batch of recent novels is announced.—"Pascarel," by Ouida; "London's Heart," by B. L. Farjeon; "A Fair Saxon," by Justin McCarthy; "Ready Money Mortboy," by the author of "My Little Girl"; "Home, sweet Home!" by Mrs. J. H. Riddell; "Milly Darrell," by Miss Braddon; "Little Kate Kirby," by F. W. Robinson; "In the Days of my Youth," by Miss Edwards; and a new work of fiction, by the joint-writers, MM. Erckmann-Chatrian, entitled "The Brothers Rautzaw: a story of the Vosges."

A new book, the "Memoir of a Brother," by the author of "Tom Brown's School Days," has just appeared.

A volume of "Essays on Political Economy, Theoretical and Applied," is announced from the pen of Prof. J. E. Cairnes, of University College, London.

A second edition of "The Letters and Journals of Lord Elgin" is now ready. Few books are more worthy of being read by Canadian legislators than this. It will be found a mine of political wisdom and true statesmanship.

The excellent series of sketches of prominent English statesmen which lately appeared in the *Daily*

News, are now published in book form, under the title of "Political Portraits." Mr. F. Hill is said to have written them.

Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co. have just issued an authorized Canadian reprint of Mr. Goldwin Smith's "Lectures on the Study of History," delivered while the author was Regius Professor of Modern History in the University of Oxford.

As a book of peculiar interest to the religious public, we draw attention to "Our Work in Palestine," being an account of the different expeditions sent out to the Holy Land by the committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund since 1865. A Canadian edition has been issued by Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co. Toronto.

A new edition, largely re-written, of Mr. Hare's valuable work on "Representative Government" is just ready. The work now bears the title of "The Election of Representatives," and is brought up to the recent changes in the English law, on voting by ballot, &c.

Messrs. Cassell, Petter & Galpin announce the issue of the initial number of a new work illustrative and explanatory of the various books of the Bible. The publication will be under the editorship of the Rev. Prof. Plumptre, assisted by many eminent scholars and divines.

Messrs. Longmans announce the following scientific works among others for the coming season:—"The Star Depths; or, Other Suns than Ours: a Treatise on Stars, Star-Systems, and Star-Cloudlets," by Richard A. Proctor, B.A.; a new edition of the "Elementary Treatise on the Wave Theory of Light," by Humphrey Lloyd, D.D., D.C.L., Professor of T. C. D.; and "Principles of Animal Mechanics," by the Rev. Samuel Haughton, F.R.S., Fellow of T. C. D. The observations and calculations contained in this last book have occupied the author's leisure hours during ten years.

A literary curiosity, "The Poems of Mary, Queen of Scots," is in preparation.

An exhibition of pictures illustrating the siege of Paris will shortly be opened in Versailles.

Messrs. Sampson, Low, Marston & Co. announce "The English Catalogue of Books published during 1863 to 1871." This volume, occupying over 450 pages, shows the titles of 32,000 new books and new editions issued during nine years.

The same firm announces as ready Captain Butler's new work, "The Great Lone Land; being an account of the Red River Expedition of 1869-70, and subsequent travels and adventures in the Manitoba country.

The Keeper of the MSS. in the British Museum intends to issue a catalogue of the oldest manuscripts in the national collection, with autotype fac-similes of the choicest early illuminations and texts. The copies are said to be wonderfully successful, and give the effect of the involved Anglo-Saxon patterns and colours with great softness and delicacy, while the often faded texts are even clearer in the autotypes than in the originals.