

The concert as a whole was a success, as it showed progress; and as the selection of numbers, with the exception of the Nicolai overture, was not too ambitious, it also showed that the progress was not sought to be made too fast, nor at a rate

beyond the powers of the Society. It is to be hoped that next season will see the Society again in the field, as work of the kind that it has undertaken is deserving of encouragement.

## LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. Swinburne's new volume of poems is entitled 'Songs of the Spring-tides,' and contains some charming 'Studies of the Sea' which will delight all lovers of verse.

Mr. W. D. Howell's latest novel, 'The Undiscovered Country,' which has been appearing in instalments in the *Atlantic Monthly* has just been issued in separate form.

The second and concluding volume of Dr. Wm. Smith's 'Dictionary of Christian Antiquities' has just been completed, and forms a valuable supplement to the learned editor's 'Dictionary of the Bible,' issued some years ago.

The 'Life and Writings of Henry Thomas Buckle' has just been published, throwing much light upon one of the most important contributions to historic inquiry which the century has produced—the 'History of Civilization in England.'

The latest issues of the *Seaside Library* are the new novels of Rhoda Broughton,—'Second Thoughts,'—and of Anthony Trollope,—"The Duke's Children,"—and a cheap reprint of the first volume of 'The Life of H. R. H. the Prince Consort,' by Sir Theodore Martin.

A work dealing with our early Colonial history, which its author, the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, has long been known to be preparing, has just appeared from the press of the Wesleyan Book Room, Toronto, entitled 'The Loyalists of America and their Times.'

The eighth and final volume of the cheap re-issue of Chas. Knight's 'Popular History of England' has been issued in the *Standard Series*, and the ninth vol-

ume of 'Chambers' Encyclopædia' has appeared in the series of 'Fifty Cent Volumes,' issued by the American Book Exchange.

A work of some novelty and of no inconsiderable interest to lovers of English Literature is announced under the title of 'Four Centuries of English Letters,' to include, we believe, selections from some two hundred writers from the period of the Paston Letters to the present time.

'The New Parliament,' just issued by Messrs Cassell, of London, contains a History of the Dissolution, notices of the Party Leaders, and special biographies of the new members of the House of Commons, with a number of Election Incidents of more or less historical importance.

'Lacrosse, and How to Play it,' by Mr. W. K. McNaught, from the press of Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co., will, we doubt not, meet with kindly and deserved reception at the hands of its many devotees in Canada, who, in these summer months, extract so much pleasure from the game on the 'tented field.'

Messrs. Hart & Rawlinson have brought out, by arrangement with the copyright owners in England, a Canadian edition of the 'Memoirs of the late Frances Ridley Havergal,' whose hymns and devotional songs are well-known and highly appreciated on both sides of the Atlantic.

A young writer of the sister-province of Quebec, Mons. L. H. Fréchette, has just had the honour of being enrolled a Laureate of the French Academy, in recognition of some volumes of verse which he has recently published. In