

"ST. ABE AND HIS SEVEN WIVES."

This "tale of Salt Lake City" is an amusing satire on Mormonism, published anonymously in London, and reprinted by Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co. Of the work the *Graphic* says:—"Such vigorous, racy, determined satire has not been met with for many a long day, certainly not in verse. It is at once fresh and salt as the sea. * * * The humour is exquisite, and, as regards literary execution, the work is masterly."

LITERARY GOSSIP.

A SCRIPTURAL Drama, on the subject of "Jezabel and Elijah," is about to be given to the world, by Mr. Peter Bayne, the author of Hugh Miller's "Life and Times."—Two Scottish publishers are said to be preparing works for the press written by themselves, one, a "Life of Dr. Robert Chambers," by his brother; the other a "Political History of His Times," by Mr. Adam Black.—It is stated that Mr. Tennyson is engaged upon a poem on the subject of the Prince of Wales's illness.—Two new works, from the pen of Professor H. Alleyne Nicholson, of Toronto University, are in press viz.—an "Introduction to the Study of Biology," and a "Monograph of the British Graphidite."—The remarkable article on "Mahomet" in the current number of the *British Quarterly Review* is stated by the *Athenaeum* to be from the pen of Mr. L. A. Freeman, D.C.L.—A re-issue of the works of the late Lord Brougham is announced by Messrs. A. & C. Black, who have lately acquired the copyright.—Lord Chief Justice Cockburn is announced as having prepared for the *Academy* a series of critical articles summing up the whole of the circumstantial evidence respecting the authorship of the "Letters of Junius," including that of handwriting, as lately brought forward by the Hon. E. Twissleton and Mr. Chabot.—Dean Stanley's recent Lectures, delivered in Edinburgh, on the "History of the Church of Scotland," are announced for publication.—The subject of the Bampton Lectures for 1871 is "Dis-sent in relation to the Church of England," by the Rev. G. H. Curtis.—A translation of the Head Quarters Staff Journals of the German Army is about to appear, and tracing the operations of the German Armies in France, from Sedan to the end of the war, by Major Blume.

ITEMS.

NATIVE.

Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co. issue from their press two copyright English novels, by well-known authors, viz., "Poor Miss Finch," by Wilkie Collins, and "Wilfrid Cumbermede," by George MacDonald. Both works have been appearing in serial form, but readers will be glad to possess them in the very handy and reasonable priced illustrated editions of the Toronto publishers.

Mr. Russell Wilkinson, at last, issues the new novel, "Hannah," by the author of "John Halifax, Gentleman." Happily, in Canada, there is no occasion to call in the aid of writers of fiction to prove the folly of legal restrictions upon "marriage with a deceased wife's sister," which is the burden of the book.

Messrs. Dawson Bros., of Montreal, issue a new pocket map of the Dominion, indicating the routes of the new railways, the free grant lands, &c., &c. It is beautifully engraved and tastefully coloured, and may be had either mounted on rollers or in book shape, for the pocket or table. Their cheaper re-issue of "Lord Bantam," by the author of "Gux's Baby," should be noted by the trade.

Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co. issue a useful and

important work to the Banking community, prepared by Messrs. J. F. Nott and U. P. Helm, viz., a Four per Cent per Annum Interest Table, from One Dollar to Ten Thousand Dollars, and from 1 to 365 days. Its main feature—accuracy—can be relied on, and the printing has been done with care, and in a clear, bold type, by Messrs. Bell & Co., of the City Steam Press.

The same publishers have just issued an authorised reprint of "St. Abe and his Seven Wives," which, notwithstanding its rough Western colloquialism, will be appreciated for its intense fun and the clearness with which Mormon life is delineated. There is, also, throughout the book the evidence of high literary talent and much poetic power. Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co. have also just ready an interesting and suggestive work on the Labour Question, entitled "Thoughts on Paper Currency, and Lending on Interest as Affecting the Prosperity of Labour, Commerce and Manufactures," by W. Brown, Esq., of Montreal. For the contents of this work see advertisement.

ENGLISH.

Messrs. Macmillan & Co. issue "The Statesman's Year Book" for 1872. This is a valuable hand-book for politicians and merchants, embracing, as it does, a statistical and historical annual of the States of the civilized world. The same house have just published from the Clarendon press the fourth volume of "Freeman's History of the Norman Conquest of England," which discloses the reign of William the Conqueror. Lanfrey's "History of Napoleon," vol. 2, and "The Invasion of England" by Capt. Hozier, author of the "Seven Weeks' War," are among their announcements.

Messrs. Longman & Co. announce a new work by Sir Edward Cressy on "The Imperial and Colonial Constitutions of the Britannic Empire"; a work by Mr. J. Matthews, of Toronto, entitled "A Colonist on the Colonial Question"; and the Miscellaneous and Posthumous Works of the late Henry Thomas Buckle, author of the "History of Civilization."

Messrs. Geo. Routledge & Sons, of London, in issuing a new Wholesale Catalogue, give the following statistics of the number of books manufactured by them within the period of six months, viz. that, from July to December, 1871, the issue of books printed by them was over one million and three quarters; and the number bound, one million and a half.

AMERICAN.

The religious instincts of the age are not such as to accept an unqualified faith in God, but rather as to push enquiry and doubt to the full. The Messrs. Appleton & Co. have reprinted a remarkable work by the Duke of Somerset, entitled "Christian Theology and Modern Secularism," in which his Grace condenses many of the objections which have been taken to parts of the Gospel story, avows that much of the narrative is mythical and legendary, and insists that Christianity must not exact the old fashioned and unquestioned belief in the Bible stories. The same House recently reprinted Sir Henry Hallan's entertaining "Recollections of Past Life," Lecky's "Leaders of Public Opinion in Ireland," and Sir John Lubbock's "Pre-Historic Times."

Messrs. Macmillan & Co. re-issue, from their New York branch, a cheaper edition of the Rev. S. Baring Gould's "Legends of the Old Testament Characters from the Talmud and other Sources," and an edition of "Through the Looking Glass and what Alice found there," by the author of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland."

Messrs. Charles Scribner & Co. have just ready Max Muller's "Lectures on the Science of Religion," a popular edition of Froude's 2nd series of "Short Studies on Great Subjects," and a further volume of Lange's Commentary on "Joshua, Judges and Ruth."