

cated in an interesting manner : but the fashionable vices at which it is aimed, will never fall unless continually and generally attacked. Single-handed prowess will do little to subdue them.

Barnaby Rudge—by Charles Dickens.—The last number of this masterly work has been received. In spite of its being as a romance the best "got up" of all the author's works, prefer us by a thousand times to the "Old Curiosity Shop." It wants the touching pathos of that beautiful production. To the lovers of tales of deep interest, however, it will be invaluable.

THE ANNUALS :—*Fisher's Drawing Room Scrap-Book*, 1842—by Mary Howitt.—There is a peculiar interest attaching to this, "The Favourite Annual," from its having been formerly edited by the late lamented Miss Landon. It has fallen into the hands of a very able successor, and though it cannot be denied that there are many instances of common place verse, yet both the literary and artistical departments are, upon the whole, excellent.

The Rhine, Italy, and Greece.—This is a splendid example of what an Annual ought to be. Seventy four first-rate engravings, of the most magnificent scenery of the Continent, accompany literary descriptions, and highly interesting historical accounts, by the Revd. G. N. Wright.

We hope in our next number to present our readers with a review of a new work by Sir E. L. Bulwer which was announced for publication at the end of January. It is entitled ZANONI OR THE SECRET ORDER.

One of our native writers, Moses H. Perley, Esq. of New Brunswick, has in the Press, we understand, a History of New Brunswick.

Want of space obliges us to omit the notice of several other new works of a more matter-of-fact character.

PARLIAMENTARY REGISTER.

Thursday, January 20th.—The session was opened by a speech from the Lieutenant Governor. An Address in answer was adopted by the Legislative Council, and by the House of Assembly on the following day.

Saturday, Jan'y. 22d.—House of Assembly. The Bankruptcy Bill, and the Bill respecting Letters of Administration, both Government measures, were introduced by Messrs. Uniacke and

Young. Hon. Mr. Uniacke's Imprisonment for Debt Bill was deferred to this day three months.

Saturday, January 29th.—House of Assembly. The House in Committee passed the various clauses of the Bill for Ameliorating the Condition of the Indians.

Wednesday, February 2d.—House of Assembly. The House in Committee deferred, after an important debate, the Bankruptcy Bill by a majority of 8 ; 25 to 17.

Friday, February 4th.—House of Assembly. House in Committee, Mr. Huntington rose and asked whether it was the intention of the Administration to resign in consequence of their defeat on the Bankruptcy Bill. The Solicitor General replied in the negative. The Bill involved no important principle which rendered such a course necessary. Mr. Huntington gave notice of a motion for Monday respecting the composition of the Executive Council.

Saturday, February 5th.—Mr. Huntington withdrew his motion respecting the Administration, stating that on consultation with his friends, they considered that the Bankruptcy Bill involved no principle which called for the resignation of the Government.

ORIGINAL LITERATURE.

It is necessary to observe, in this place, that all articles in this number which are not marked as selected, are original contributions. The principal design of this periodical being, to encourage and represent the literature of Nova Scotia, we have not pursued the custom too constantly adopted in the colonies, of filling the pages of such a work with selected matter. Even though unable to present articles possessed of literary merit equal to those we might obtain from the English periodicals, we are confident there is no inhabitant of this Province but will be far more disposed to encourage the present design, in which original literature chiefly is given, than one, the object of which might be, merely to amuse, or even to inform the reader, by means of articles before published.