

"Who spacious regions gave,  
A wasteful beast!"  
where the original has "a waste for beast."  
"No triumph flushed that haughty Brown,"  
only differs from the original by the capital and  
the addition of the final letter to the last word.

In a reprint of "Lord Ullin's Daughter" occurs  
this curious reading:

"Come back! he cried in *Greek*.  
Across the stormy water."

Here is a new version of Scott:

"He is gone on the mountain.  
He is lost to the forest,  
Like a summer dried fountain,  
When our need was the *sav-dust*."

Here a variation on Macaulay:

"And the red glare on Skiddaw roused the burglars of  
Carlisle."

Another:

"Hermintus on black Auster  
Grave *chaplain* on grave steed."

From a description of a waterfall:

"From rock to rock, the giant elephant  
Leaps with delirious bound."

where, of course, "elephant" is a *varia lectio* for  
"element."

"If ever two great men might seem during  
their whole lives to have moved in direct oppo-  
sition, Milton and Jerry my Tailor were they."

A variation on Scott:

"The way was long, the wind was cold,  
The minstrel was *infernal* old."

Another on Macaulay:

"Hard by, a *flesher* on a block had laid his *rattles* down,  
Virginus caught the *rattles* up, and hid them in his  
gown."

*Chamber's Journal* gives two typographical er-  
rors that are well worthy to be added to this list.  
A newspaper reporting the danger that an express  
train had run, in consequence of a cow getting  
upon the line, said:

"As the safest way, the engineer put on full steam,  
dashed up against the cow, and literally cut it into  
*calves*."

A Scotch newspaper reporting the speeches at  
a Scott centenary meeting, made one of the or-  
ators exclaim:

"O Caledonia, stern and wild,  
Wet-nurse for a poetic child."

—*Examiner & Chronicle*.

## Literary Notes.

The title of Dr. Lorimer's forthcoming work is  
"Christianity and Modern Thought."

The Memoirs of Talleyrand may be expected  
some time next July.

M. Taine, who has lately been admitted to the  
French Academy, is a freethinker.

The late Prof. DeMille left a novel entitled  
"A Castle in Spain," which is soon to be published.  
His lecture on "Satire" is also to be given to the  
public in book form.

The subject of Snakes is engrossing much at-

tention in the learned circles of England. Only  
a short time since Huxley delivered a lecture on  
"Snakes"; and now John Ruskin has one in pre-  
paration styled "A Caution to Snakes."

Part II. of Madame de Remusat's Memoirs have  
been issued by Harper Brothers. They have to  
do chiefly with the multifarious transactions of  
Napoleon and his court. Much light is thrown  
by them upon the private court life of the great  
Emperor of the French.

The latest addition to Morley's Men of Letters,  
is Nathaniel Hawthorne, by Henry James, Jr.  
The present volume is in no way unworthy to be  
classed with its predecessors. If we mistake not  
this is the first American author that has been  
introduced, as yet, into this series of life sketches;  
though others are to follow shortly.

Miss Charlotte A. Scott, of Girton College,  
Cambridge, has attained the proud position of  
"Equal to Eighth Wrangler" in the Mathemat-  
ical Tripos at Cambridge. Miss Scott is twenty-  
two years of age, and is the daughter of Principal  
Scott of Lancashire College. The highest point  
hitherto reached by any young lady has been  
among the Senior Optimes (Second Class).

The remainder of the celebrated Laing Library  
is now being sold in London. The first portion  
of this immense collection was disposed of during  
December last. This sale lasted for eleven days,  
and the sum of \$66,440 was realized by it. This  
Library contained many choice and rare works of  
literature. During the December sale some of  
these brought almost fabulous prices.

Ralph Waldo Emerson is said to yet retain his  
wonted vigor of mind despite his seventy-seven  
years, and the stories circulated to the effect that  
he is fast approaching a state of dotage;  
though it is reported that he feels deeply  
his old age and the necessarily attendant infirm-  
ities, and is even more disposed to criticise his  
own conduct than are others. He delivered a  
lecture before the Concord Lyceum, a short time  
ago, upon "Historical Life and Literature in  
Massachusetts." No diminution from his accus-  
tomed strength and beauty of language is men-  
tioned in the accounts given of the lecture.

The halo of romance and blighted affec-  
tions, which, for so long a time, has encircled the  
connection of Gibbon, the historian, with Suzanne  
Curchod, afterwards the wife of the distinguished  
French banker, Necker, has at length been dis-  
pelled. Instead of Gibbon being constrained by  
an inexorable parent to stifle his ardent love, it  
has been shown by the recent discovery of  
letters, that he treated in an insincere and heart-  
less manner the warm attachment of this estim-  
able young lady. The disclosure reflects no cred-  
it upon the writer of the "Decline and Fall of the  
Roman Empire"; on the other hand, it brings no  
disrepute upon Mlle. Curchod, but rather shows  
what a loving and faithful heart, he, in his selfish-  
ness and cold worldliness, flung from him almost  
in scorn.