

SOCIAL AND LITERARY.

Mr. Whittier has returned to Boston for the winter.

A translation of one of Bret Harte's stories is being printed in the St. Petersburg Gazette.

The Marquis of Lorne will be created a Knight of the Garter upon his return to England.

Mr. Edmund Yates is writing a book of reminiscences, to be called "Forty Years in Literature."

Preparations are being made in Montreal for the holding of a winter carnival similar to that of last year.

A number of ladies have been arrested at Warsaw on suspicion of being connected with Nihilist conspiracies.

There is a woman in Rosendale, N.Y., who claims that she did not know it was unlawful to have two husbands.

There is to be a demonstration and dinner in honor of Victor Hugo in Geneva, to which city he is to make a visit.

A Japanese theatre was burned one night last week during a performance. Seventy-five people were killed and a hundred injured.

Shakespeare's remains are not to be disturbed, the Council of Stratford-upon-Avon having passed a resolution condemning their removal.

The funeral of the Russian author Tourgueneff took place at St. Petersburg on the 9th inst., and was participated in by many thousands of people.

Bayard Taylor's daughter is supporting herself, and she and her mother have declined a purse of \$30,000 subscribed by the ladies of New York.

Col. Clibborn, of the Salvation Army, has been expelled from Geneva, and Miss Booth, a member of the Army, is imprisoned at Neuchatel for violating the order prohibiting them from holding meetings.

The town hall at Lyons, France, was considerably damaged by the explosion of an infernal machine on Monday, but no one was injured. The causes of the explosion, and also of that at Bordeaux recently, are being investigated. They are attributed to revolutionists.

An action was brought last week in the Superior Court, Montreal, against the Collector of Customs, for seizing a number of volumes of Paine and Voltaire, imported by Mr. W. C. Lawrence. A number of agnostics were placed in the witness box, and some curious explanations were offered as to what was meant by immoral literature. Judgment was reserved.

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