

ter volume is from 1865 to within a few months of the great explorer's death; to which has been added a narrative of his last moments and sufferings, obtained from his servants, Chuma and Susi. The former has appeared in a reprint from the Messrs. Harper Bros., and the latter will shortly be issued from the same house.

The Greville Memoirs is the title of a very gossipy and instructive series of Journals of the Reigns of King George IV. and William IV., kept by the Clerk of the Council to those sovereigns, Mr. Charles C. F. Greville, which have recently been issued by the Messrs. Longman. Its publication in the conventional three volume library style, will prevent its importation into this market, we fear.

The International Scientific Series bids fair to become a most valuable issue of books in the domain of science and philosophy. The recent contributions to the series embrace Dr. Draper's important work on the "History of the Conflict between Religion and Science," and a translation from the German of Prof. Oscar Schmidt, on "The Doctrine of Descent and Darwinism." Both volumes are meeting with an extensive sale.

A volume of political reminiscences, from the pen of Earl Russell, entitled "Recollections and Suggestions of Public Life, 1813-1873," is announced as in Messrs. Longmans' press.

The Diary of H. M. the Shah of Persia, during his Tour through Europe in 1873, has just been issued in an English dress, and translated verbatim, with all his Majesty's amusing blunders, &c., which add piquancy to the narrative.

A literary event of philological interest has just happened. We refer to the republication from the German of the best English Grammar extant—that of Prof. Maetzner, which has just been issued, in three large 8vo volumes, from the press of Mr. John Murray, London, and Messrs. Roberts Brothers, Boston.

Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co. have added to their rapidly extending series of reprints of English fiction, the novel, by Mrs. Lynn Linton, "Patricia Kemball." It is a fairly-written novel of English provincial life, but with nothing *outré* in its incidents or composition that could remind the reader of its being the work of the author of "Joshua Davidson, the Communist."

A curious volume, an exemplification of the fact that among our neighbours "every man is

a law unto himself," appears in Mr. Nordhoff's work on "The Communistic Societies of the United States, from personal visits and observations." The volume embraces details as to the creeds, social practices, numbers, industries, and present condition of the various religious communities in the States.

The first volume of Mr. Theodore Martin's "Life of H. R. H. the late Prince Consort," published under the sanction of H. M. the Queen, has just appeared.

Mr. Frederic Harrison, whose contributions to the *Fortnightly Review* are widely known, is compiling a volume of Essays, under the title "Political Problems," chiefly made up, however, of his articles in that Magazine.

A new work from the pen of Principal Dawson, of McGill College, Montreal, on "The Dawn of Life upon the Earth," is announced for publication in England.

Religious controversy and scientific speculation seem to be the disturbing forces *par excellence* of the day. The sale of the two anonymous volumes on "Supernatural Religion," recently published, continues unabated; Mr. John Stuart Mill's posthumous Essays on "Nature, Religion, and Theism," have added to the ferment, and now comes Mr. Gladstone, with his "Vatican Decrees," to set the pot a-seething.

A new and cheaper edition, in 5 crown 8vo. volumes, is announced of Samuel Smiles' important work, "The Lives of the Engineers, with an account of their principal works, &c." This biographical compilation, by the author of "Self Help," has been hitherto inaccessible to the readers of his popular works from its high price. The forthcoming re-issue will therefore be of interest to many.

The doctrine of Evolution, in its literary aspects, will shortly find illustration in the forthcoming issue of the ninth edition of our ponderous friend the *Encyclopædia Britannica*. The first volume of the new series, under the editorship of Dr. Thomas Spencer Bayne, we learn is shortly to appear, and the successive instalments may be looked for at the rate of three volumes per annum. The tests which determine the "survival of the fittest," in regard to another *Cyclopædia*—Chambers'—we learn, have been applied to it, recently, and a re-issue of that work is now being undertaken by the publishers.