

any thing of a party, or even of a controversial kind. Burke's Select Speeches, being published merely as a literary text book, ought to have been introduced with just so much history as was necessary to render them intelligible to the student, given in a perfectly impartial way. But the present editor has seized the opportunity of having his fling about the politics and the parties of the reign of George III. He and the authorities of the Clarendon Press must be aware that a part of what he says, though stated as acknow-

ledged truth, is disputable, and even paradoxical in a high degree. We cannot be sure that it is even his own matured opinion; for his Academical grade indicates that he is very young. His literary criticisms and his notes are full, careful, and we should say, decidedly good. To his own opinions on political history he is perfectly entitled, but he ought to find bent for them where he has space more fully to explain them, and where they will be understood to be merely his own.

## LITERARY NOTES.

The literature of travel owes much now-a-days to the newspaper correspondents. The enterprising representative of the London *Daily Telegraph*, Mr. J. A. MacGahan, has just published his account of the recent Russian expedition, under the title of "Campaigning on the Oxus, and the Fall of Khiva." The narrative is vivid in its character, and gives a most fascinating account of the social and political life of the Khivans; also an interesting description of the Tartar wastes, and the incidents of the expedition to the capital of the Khan and his people. Few modern books of travel are likely to meet with more success than this; and we are glad to see a reprint of the work announced by the Messrs. Harper.

In the Rev. Dr. Farrar's "Life of Christ," just published by Messrs. Cassell, of London, we have perhaps the most satisfactory evidence of what can be done by ample scholarship, a cultivated intellect, intelligent industry, and a devout and reverent feeling. Historians and biographers of the Life of our Lord have been exceedingly numerous in the last twenty years, and they have been of all nationalities and creeds; but few, we judge, of these productions will compare more favourably, and be received with more satisfaction than this new claimant for our favour and admiration. Thoroughly up to the requirements of modern criticism, its learning is never wholly professional; and though addressing itself to the thoughtful and cultivated reader, it will be found essentially a people's history, and a singularly eloquent and graceful narrative.

"Russia's Advance Eastward" is the title of a volume translated from the German of Lieut. H. Stumm, containing the despatches of the Prussian Military Commissioner attached to the Khivan Expedition, with a minute account of the Russian Army, and other objects and results of the movement. Messrs. H. S. King & Co. are the publishers.

Messrs. Routledge announce a new poem by Mr. Longfellow, for the autumn book trade, entitled "The Hanging of the Crane," which is to be brought out in illustrated form at half a guinea.

A third and cheaper edition of the model biography of Bishop Patteson, by the author of the "Heir of Redclyffe," has just been issued by Messrs. Macmillan. The subject of the memorial, it will be remembered, was murdered some two years ago by the natives of the Melanesian Islands, under circumstances of peculiar barbarity; and it is with refer-

ence to the unfortunate prelate that the *Saturday Review* says, "Neither the church nor the nation which produces such sons need ever despair of its future."

A reprint, by Messrs. Appleton, has appeared of the admirable treatise of Mr. James Hinton, on "Physiology for Practical Uses, in connection with Every-day Life."

Mr. Whitaker, of the London *Bookseller*, has done good service to the trade, librarians, and book connoisseurs, by the preparation and publication of a "Reference Catalogue of Current Literature," containing the full titles of books now in print and on sale, with a reference index to some 14,000 works. The want of such a book for daily reference has long been felt by the trade, and particularly by booksellers on this side the Atlantic, who have always found it difficult to supply themselves with the current catalogues of the English publishing houses, as they are issued. This mammoth catalogue consists of some 3,200 pages, embracing the titles of about fifty thousand books, and represents the publications of 150 houses—in fact the bulk of the publishing firms of any note in the mother country. The edition issued, we understand, has been four thousand copies, and it speaks well for the appreciation and intelligence of the trade that this large edition was disposed of before publication. A number of copies, we learn, have been ordered for the Canadian book trade, and we may look for a corresponding increase in the bibliographical information of the trade as the result of their assiduous perusal of this important volume.

Messrs. Willing & Williamson have in press a reprint of a work for the Banking community, though it will be of much service to the Mercantile classes of the country, to whom, from its non-technical character, it must be interesting. We allude to Bullion's "Internal Management of a Country Bank, in a series of Canadian Letters on the Functions and Duties of a Branch Manager." The work will have a number of illustrative notes appended to it by a Canadian Bank Manager.

A very acceptable and attractive volume, edited by Mr. G. M. Rose, of the firm of Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co., Toronto, appears in a collection of Readings, Recitations, and Dialogues for Sons of Temperance, Good Templars, &c., under the title of "Light for the Temperance Platform." The compilation is made with taste and judgment, and the volume bids fair to have an extensive sale.