

world, to show the old poet how dear he is to them. On the 1st of April he was fetched by one of the Royal carriages to a private audience of the King, who with his own hand gave him the Grand Cross of the Dannebrog, while the Queen and Princess Thyra presented him with some magnificent bouquets. On the 2nd the Crown Prince and the other Princes of the Royal family called on the old poet, while deputations from all parts of the country succeeded one another, among these the Committee which has collected funds to raise him a statue in one of the public gardens, and another from his native town, Odense, the chief town on the island of Fuhnen. Among the presents which Mr. Andersen received, was a book which contained his tale. "A Mother's History," translated into fifteen languages. During the day telegrams from all parts of the world kept pouring in, several from distant parts of the world; even her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales had remembered the friend of her childhood.

#### ART.

—It is said that Gustave Dore is to receive \$50,000 for a series of designs for Capell's new edition of Shakespeare.

—A monument is about to be erected in Stockholm to Scheele, the great Swedish chemist, who discovered chlorine, baryta, tartaric acid, and glycerine. His greatest discovery, however, was oxygen, which he isolated in the course of his own independent researches in 1777; but the honour of prior discovery belongs to Priestly, the great English chemist. A monument is also to be erected in Brussels, to Quetelet, the illustrious statistician.

—Recent occurrences will give interest to Spain. "Art Remains and Art Realities, Painters, Priests, and Princes; being notes of things seen and of opinions formed during three years' residence in that country." By H. Willis Barclay, M. D., two volumes, post 8vo. Of the author's alliterative title, "Princes and Priests" typify,

no doubt, the present topics of interest in the Peninsula, while the glories of the past are reflected in the renown of its "Painters." They all find due commemoration in Dr. Barclay's well-filled pages.

—Mr. Gladstone's pictures, as well as the collection of pottery and porcelain, are announced for sale. The pictures include about one hundred specimens in the Spanish, Italian, Dutch and English schools, together with many valuable engravings. There are also bronzes and marbles. The pottery and porcelain consist of choice English and Foreign specimens; and it is said that the sale will include a quantity of ornamental furniture of the time of Louis XV., together with old German and Italian silver-gilt plate.

#### SCIENCE.

—Out of a total of one hundred and forty-three minor planets discovered up to this time, ninety-seven have been discovered in Europe, forty-one in America, and five in Asia.

—New editions of "The Microscopic Dictionary," of Drs. Griffith and Hensley, and Dr. Carpenter's work on "The Microscope," have appeared, "posted up" to the present requirements of science.

—"The Fragmentary Papers on Science and other Subjects," by the venerable physician, the late Sir Henry Holland, are edited by his son, and contain articles of purely scientific subjects, as Astronomy, Electricity, etc., as well as others on Metaphysical and ethical topics.

—The Agassiz Memorial Fund of \$300,000 is said to be nearly raised. The "Teachers' and pupils' fund" alone exceeds \$9,000. The fund has been accepted by the President and Fellows of Harvard College, for the use of the Museum of comparative Zoology founded by Agassiz. The continuous growth of the Museum is thus assured.

—The armour-clad twin-screw ship Alexander, recently launched at Chatham by the Prince of Wales, is considered the most powerful sea-going ship of war ever built or building.