

LITERARY GOSSIP.

A new edition of Mr. Walter Bagehot's work on "The English Constitution," revised, with the addition of an introductory dissertation on recent changes and events, is announced.—A series of sketches of English statesmen, under the title of "Cabinet Sketches," by Mr. T. Wemyss Reid, will be shortly published.—A re-issue, in 11 monthly volumes, of Lord Brougham's works, is to appear.—A fourth edition of "South Sea Bubbles," by the Earl and the Doctor, has been called for.—The first volume of the Rev. Dr. Van Doren's "Suggestive Commentary on St. John," on the same plan as his work on St. Luke, is just issued.—Mr. Henry Reeve's collection of essays from the *Quarterlies*, entitled "Royal and Republican France," is now ready.—Thirteen editions of Forster's "Life of Charles Dickens" have already been sold.—The first volume of an issue of the late Canon Melville's "Sermons on the less prominent facts in Sacred Story" has been published.—A cheaper re-issue of Louis Figuier's scientific works is now appearing: the first volume is "The World before the Deluge."—The first part of "A Monograph of the British Graptolite," by Prof. Nicholson, of Toronto University, is just published.

ITEMS.

NATIVE.

Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co. are importing a new work on the Red River Expedition of 1869-70, entitled "The Great Lone Land." The book is written by Lieutenant Butler, who acted as civil agent for the English Government, and it will also embrace a narrative of travel and adventure in Manitoba and across the Saskatchewan Valley. The same house have, in press an important native work by the Hon. Col. Gray, M.P., etc., on "Confederation; or, the Political and Parliamentary History of Canada, from the Conference of Quebec, in October, 1864, to the admission of British Columbia in July, 1871."

Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co. issue, at a cheaper rate for the native market, the English edition of M. Taine's "Notes on England," which is attracting universal attention. The translation has been admirably done by Mr. W. F. Rae, a rising English *litterateur* and journalist. Mr. Rae has prefaced the volume with a carefully written introduction, in which the author's modes of criticism and literary career are appreciatively sketched. Messrs. A., S. & Co. have brought out a new and cheaper edition, in paper, of the 1st and 2nd series of "Carleton's Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry." Among the stories embraced in the volume, and which are full of characteristic humour and drollery, will be found "The Geography of an Irish Oath," "Going to Maynooth," "The Midnight Mass," "The Hedge School," "The Station," "The Party Fight and Funeral," "Phil Purzel, the Pig Driver," etc.

The stock of the late "Canadian News and Publishing Co." came recently to the hammer. The bulk of the publications and reprints of the late firm passed into the hands of Mr. Wm. Warwick, Mr. A. S. Irving, and Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co.

Messrs. E. A. Taylor & Co., of London, Ont., who are extending their business considerably, announce a reprint of T. S. Arthur's new temperance work, "Three Years in a Man-trap," uniform with the same author's "Ten Nights in a Bar-room."

Messrs. Henderson & Co., Ottawa, publish in pamphlet shape a Lecture by the Rev. Wm. Maclaren, delivered at the close of the Session of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, entitled, "The Romish Doctrine of the Rule of Faith Examined." The immediate occasion

of the Lecture was an attack made upon Protestantism, in a course of Lectures by a Jesuit missionary, the Rev. Father Damon.

ENGLISH.

Messrs. T. & T. Clark, of Edinburgh, make an interesting announcement of a cheaper re-issue, in four double volumes, of the well-known and important work of Dr. Stier, on "The Words of the Lord Jesus." They have just added to their list of valuable professional works in divinity, a translation of Hermann Cremer's "Biblico-Theological Lexicon of New Testament Greek."

Messrs. Cassell, Potter & Galpin's recent additions to their catalogue embrace a re-issue, revised and at a cheaper price, of Louis Figuier's "The World before the Deluge," Jennings' "Book of Parliamentary Anecdote," and the second series of the "Cobden Club Essays," for 1871.

Messrs. Macmillan & Co. inaugurate a series of "Science Primers," for the purpose of facilitating the introduction of science teaching into elementary schools, by the publication of the following books of the series, viz.: "Chemistry," by Prof. Roscoe; "Physics," by Prof. Balfour Stewart; and an introductory to the series by Prof. Huxley.

AMERICAN.

Messrs. D. Appleton & Co.'s recent issues embrace the publication of Dr. Nicholson's (of University College Toronto) Manual of Zoology for the use of Students. This is the largest of the three treatises on this subject issued by the talented Professor; and the work has been submitted to a further and careful revision—the more striking discoveries of recent date being embodied; a volume of essays on "Astronomy and Geology Compared," by Lord Ornithwaite; and an interesting series of ethnological lectures, entitled "How the World was Peopled," by the Rev. Edward Fontaine, Professor of Theology and Natural Science. A new eclectic serial, devoted to popular science, has just been started by Messrs. D. A. & Co. The first number, under the editorship of Dr. Youmans, is now ready. A very popular novel, "Good-bye Sweetheart," by the author of "Cometh up as a Flower," etc., appears also with the imprimatur of this firm.

Messrs. Harper & Brothers' issues during the past month have been light. Dr. Edward Prime's "Around the World, sketches of Travel through many Lands and over many Seas," has been in large request. They are about to publish a reprint of Palmer's "Desert of the Exodus," a record of Palestine exploration; also, a collected volume of Sermons, preached at the Brooklyn Tabernacle, by the Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage,—both of which promise to have a large sale.

Messrs. Scribner, Armstrong & Co. have ready Dean Stanley's "Lectures on the Ecclesiastical History of Scotland," recently delivered in Edinburgh; also, a new volume of Lange's Commentaries—on "Kings and Chronicles."

Messrs. Robert Carter & Bros. have ready the Rev. Dr. Hanna's work on "The Wars of the Huguenots," and a new volume of hymns by the Rev. H. Bonar, D.D., entitled "The Song of the New Creation," etc.

Messrs. Roberts reprint another of those popular religious works which, like "Ecce Homo," is destined to be widely read. Its subject is "Paul of Tarsus; an Inquiry into the Times and the Gospel of the Apostle to the Gentiles," by a Graduate.

Messrs. J. R. Osgood & Co., of Boston, announce a new volume of essays on "Poetry and Criticism," by Mr. Ralph W. Emerson; also, a work on "Art Education, Scholastic and Industrial," by the State Director of Art Education in Massachusetts. The same firm are preparing for early publication a work which will be indispensable to all readers of Dickens, viz., "The Dickens Dictionary; a Key to the Characters and Principal Incidents in the Works of Charles Dickens."